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Palestine Held On Verge Of Inflation

The prices of foods are three times the levels of August, 1939, in Palestine, says the New York Times. Rents have been stabilized by law and clothing and shoes are fixed at prices about fifty per cent higher than before the war.

Those who feel the pinch most are workers and clerical personnel. There are about 25,000 manual and non-manual permanent employees of the Palestine administration and municipal bodies. The lowest grades among government clerical employees receive small allowances and those with salaries up to the equivalent of $3,000 are clamoring for cost of living bonuses.

At a meeting with representatives of manufacturers and organized labor the chairman of the Palestine War Supply Board, Sir Douglas Harris, declared that bonuses could not be given to workers engaged in war industries because such increased allowances would produce higher charges for army orders, which he stressed

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Rabbis And Scholars Aided

A report on relief and rehabilitation for thousands of rabbis and Jewish scholars and their families in lands suffering from the war [illegible] people picked by Vaad Hatzala [illegible] committee [illegible] of Brooklyn, N.Y., a member of the committee, said $450,000 had been spent in the three years covered by the report.

During 1940 and until the outbreak of Russo-German hostilities in June, 1941, the committee maintained 2,654 men, women and children in Lithuania with food, clothing and lodging and partially assisted 1,400 Yeshiva scholars. In addition, 497 persons were rescued from occupied countries; 275 men, women and children were brought to the United States and 248 individuals and families were provided with visas and travelling expenses and sent to Palestine. Sixty persons were brought to Spain, Portugal, South Africa and South American countries and twenty-

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U.S. Zionists Deplore Council For Judaism

In a resolution deploring the activities of the American Council for Judaism, an organization recently formed and opposed to the principle of establishing a Jewish state, the National Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America declared in New York at a meeting at the Pennsylvania Hotel that to take a stand such as the council does "is to condemn the homeless Jews of Europe and elsewhere to lives of continued misery and woe."

The committee, consisting of 120 Zionists, said to represent 100,000 Jews in America, further declared that it was "confident that an overwhelming majority of Jews everywhere join in this rebuke." It termed the American council "a small band of wilful and intransigent Jews who have formed an organization with the impressive but misleading title of American Council for Judaism, for the purpose of campaigning in the press, on the pulpit and platform against the holy cause of Zionism."

When organized, the American Council for Judaism expressed its purpose as being to identify the Jew as a member of a religious community and nothing else. It declared itself as opposing a Jewish state, flag or army.

At its meeting the Zionist group also addressed an appeal "to the statesmen and leaders of the justice-loving nations of the world to

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Says Giraud State Of Jews

General Emile Bethouart, Chief of the French Military Mission in the United States, in a statement in the current issue of Pour La Victoire, French newspaper in the United States, says that measures ending discrimination against Jews in North Africa are being carried out.

Replying to the statement on Feb. 14 by the American Jewish Congress, that Nazi-inspired laws and decrees are still in force in North Africa, General Bethouart states:

"General Giraud has lately expressed his disapproval of racial discrimination, the practice of

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French Clergy Oppose Anti-Semitic Decrees

The first important church-state conflict in France since the German occupation developed over the arrests of French clergymen because of opposition to anti-Semitic decrees. The arrests followed the issuance of pastoral letters by several Roman Catholic prelates denouncing the treatment to which increasing numbers of Jews were being subjected, says the New York Times Religious News Service.

Before the German advance into occupied France, Bishop Pierre Theas of Montauban addressed a letter to his people in which he declared that France was not responsible for "the painful, sometimes appalling, scenes" taking place.

To the Archbishop of Toulouse Jules Geraud Saliege, goes credit for some of the most persistent and outspoken attacks against anti-Semitism in France. In the early Summer of 1942 the Archbishop sent to a Toulouse rabbi a letter condemning Vichy's anti-Jewish decrees and recalling the statement by Pope Pius XI that Catholics are "spiritual Semites." "Catholics are deeply affected," Archbishop Saliege wrote at that time, "by the tragedy which has befallen the people of Israel."

Nowhere was Christian opposition to the persecution more evident than in the south of France, where open disregard of Nazi deportation measures was shown by Pierre Cardinal Gerlier, Archbishop of Lyon.

As an outcome of the Church's defiance, Laval ordered the arrest [illegible] two months more than 130 parish priests in the Departments of North Meurthe and Moselle were suddenly taken away from their homes to Metz, thence to be deported east to "unknown destinations."

The reaction of Cardinal Gerlier to this move was a characteristic one. He refused to authorize the surrender by priests and Catholics of Jewish children. He threatened to excommunicate persons who bought property unjustly seized from Jewish families.

The anti-Nazi testimony of church leaders in France, who refuse to countenance racism in any of its forms, constitutes one of Christendom's most emphatic rebukes to Hitler neo-paganism.

When German authorities last Summer began to round up and deport Jews, neither Roman Catholics nor Protestants minced words in condemning this policy. They went further. Disregarding their own safety, individuals of the two faiths sheltered and fed Jewish refugees, refusing to surrender them to the police.

French resistance found Catholics and Protestants solidly united in efforts to help the Jews. Indeed, one of the most impressive features about spiritual resistance to Hitlerism on the Continent is the fact that Protestants and Catholics are finding a new spirit of mutual understanding as they suffer the same affliction and fight the same battle. The situation in France is not very different from that in Holland or in the Scandinavian countries.

Relief organizations sponsored by Catholic and Protestant groups worked day and night on behalf of the Jews. The World Council of Churches, the Central Bureau for Inter-Church Aid and the American Friends Service Committee stepped into the picture to give what aid they could.

In many communities Christian defense of the Jews assumed aspects of defiant heroism. Every Catholic family harbored a Jew, the church issued certificates of baptism and helped refugees to cross the Swiss frontier.

Protestant opposition to Nazi anti-Jewish measures was led by Pastor Marc Boegner, president of the National Council of the Reformed Church of France and top-ranking leader of French Protestantism.

On June 27, 1942, and again on Aug. 20, the Protestant leader wrote to Marshal Petain expressing the "unutterable sorrow felt in our church" in face of new measures directed against foreign Jews.

Pastor Boegner's plea fell on deaf ears. The deportation of Jews continued without let-up. During

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Warns Against Hate Movements After War

Making a plea for co-operation and understanding among religious and racial minority groups in America, Dr. Willard Johnson, assistant to the president, National Conference of Christians and Jews, warned against the growth of "hate movements" after the war. Good-will and mutual esteem were suggested as substitutes for intolerance.

Dr. Johnson spoke on "Discrimination and the Manpower Problem" at a meeting of the Association of Teachers of Social Studies, held at the New York Times Hall, 240 West Forty-fourth Street. Edward Lawson, acting examiner in charge, President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice speaking on the program with Dr. Johnson, cited improvements made in the employment of minority groups but warned that much remained to be done.

It is important, Dr. Johnson told the teachers, that young people and adults be immunized against the "social disease of hate, bigotry and intolerance." That he said, is one of the key jobs in a democracy.

"The first job that confronts us," he added, "is that of eliminating the hate movements and creating good-will. Not many people realize how widespread was the Ku Klux Klan movement during World War I. Between one-fourth and one-third of all those eligible to join the Klan were members of it. If a similar situation were in [illegible] prevent the growth of hate movements."

The type of racial and religious discrimination that is "still the rule rather than the exception" in many war industries cannot be allowed to continue, Mr. Lawson warned. It is necessary to make certain, he said, that every capable worker is hired if there is a job for which he can qualify, and be allowed to perform at his highest possible skill. Mr. Lawson observed somewhat ironically that "you can't stop tanks with squads of janitors."

"Here in New York State—and even in New York City—there are thousands of unused workers and thousands more who are clearly misused," Mr. Lawson continued. "Many of these are Negroes—barred from positions where their skills could be used, by frivolous hiring requirements or by just plain prejudice. But also there is a surprisingly large number of Jewish persons and Italians and German-Americans and aliens of all nationalities and all degrees of skill and achievement who face this same problem.

"In these crucial days the only test of a worker is whether or not he can do a job that must be done. They must discover that a plumber or a turret lathe or a milling machine runs just as well for a Negro, or a Jew, or an alien, as it does for a white Christian citizen."

Many instances were cited by Mr. Lawson of the breakdown of prejudices as a result of the efforts of the fair employment committee. In Long Island, he said a large aircraft company without a single Negro worker and very few Jewish workers changed its policies and now employs more than 200 Negroes and an "uncounted number of Jews and aliens." So well have these people integrated themselves into the operation of the plant that "no longer is any question raised as to the race, religion, or national origin of an applicant at the time he is considered for employment."

Failure to utilize the Negro or the Jewish worker in war industry prevents the U.S. from maintaining an all-out effort in the fight against fascism, Mr. Lawson asserted. The teachers were urged to "strike many blows a day for true democracy at home" through the use of the classrooms, study halls and in their social contacts with children and adults.

"We must all work together in this fight for freedom at home, just as our brothers, our sons, our friends and our relatives are fighting together and dying together on battlefields abroad," Mr. Lawson declared.

American Orthodox Rabbinate Tribunal Scores Stand Of 90 Reform Rabbis On Palestine

The Tribunal of American Rabbinate, Beth Din of America, after a meeting of the executive council at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria, in New York made public a statement of post-war adjustments taking issue with a declaration of principles made by ninety Reform Jewish rabbis in Philadelphia on Dec. 7.

A seven-page leaflet, called "Justice and Future Peace," setting forth adequate standards of living to be "established before tranquility among mankind can be expected or insured," refers to Dec. 7 as "a day fatal in American history" and denounces the stand of the Reform Jews as a "shocking statement."

The declaration issued by the ninety Reform Jewish leaders had pledged "unlimited aid" for rehabilitation in Palestine, but opposed the projection of the political aspects of Palestine's problems into the present situation. It said that "Reform Judaism, as we conceive it, is the contemporary manifestation of the eternal prophetic spirit of Israel, through which alone Judaism and the Jew live to witness the universal God."

Among prominent rabbis present at the executive meeting was the Right Rev. Dr. Isaac Alcalay, chief rabbi of Yugoslavia. The declaration was signed by the following rabbis: Max Feldstein, president; Reuben Maier, Ab Beth Din; Isaac Adler, vice president; Abraham Weiss, Dayan; and Jacob S. Cohen, secretary.

Demanding the formation of a "representative, responsible world organization with the United Nations assuming the leadership," to lay the foundations for future peace, the group says that it is not prepared at this time to submit detail plans for such an organization.

"We leave to others, mainly the statesmen of the United States, Great Britain and our Allies, the task of forming such an organization and clarifying the manifold ramifications of a lasting post-war world peace," says the declaration.

"We of the Beth Din of America are primarily concerned in this paper with the solution of the problems facing the Jewish people, their status among the nations of the earth, and their ideological aspiration as affected by such world peace pact.

"Full Jewish consciousness implies being racially, religiously and culturally a Jew. Any bartering or compromise with this position, whether it translates itself in the drastic curtailment of traditional observances, repudiation of Palestine restoration, or orientations foreign to our Turaic heritage, is a departure from the inner fold of Judaism and a short-sighted expedient on the part of those who seek the path of least resistance.

"The opposition of certain elements in the Reformed Rabbinate to Palestine Restoration as a Jewish homeland on the ground that it is a 'secularist' movement and has no place in our religious life, is not new. This attitude was fathered in Germany and fostered in other countries of the

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Social Notes—Montreal

Miss Mona Nemtin, Victoria Avenue, spent a few days in the Laurentian Mountains.

Mrs. J. Stewart, Roslyn Avenue, has returned from Cincinnati, Ohio, where she visited her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. H. Barron.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Putziger, of Syracuse, N.Y., have returned home, after visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Tarshis, Roslyn Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Edelstone, Sherbrooke Street West, spent a few days at Lac Brule.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Goodman, Atwater Avenue, spent a few days at Lac Brule.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Fischel, Redfern Avenue, are spending a few days at Lac Brule.

Mrs. Phillip Levy and son, William, Victoria Avenue, spent a holiday in the Laurentians, visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Cummings.

Miss Jewell Frantis, of Detroit, is visiting her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lande, Roslyn Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rubin, Renfrew Road, spent a holiday at Lac Brule.

Dr. Arthur I. Bloomfield, who was visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bloomfield, Chomedy Street has returned to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Fleming, and family, Grosvenor Avenue, have returned from a holiday at St. Agathe.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Myers, Redfern Avenue, are taking a holiday at Lac Brule.

Peter Corobow, Sto. 1, R.C.N.V.R., completed his course with highest honors in Halifax, N.S., and spent a day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Corobow, Jeanne Mance Street, en route to Calgary.

Mrs. M. Goldenberg, Querbes Avenue, is spending the week at Three Rivers, Quebec, the guest of Miss Minnie Goldenberg.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Liebert and Miss Rose Davids, of Brooklyn, N. Y., visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Davidovitch, St. Urbain Street.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rudinsky, Querbes Avenue, spent a few days in the Laurentians.

Mrs. Joseph Wender, Nelson Avenue, has returned from New York, where she was the guest of her aunts, Mrs. I. Turner and Mrs. H. Fishman.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Cohen, of Bronx, N.Y., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. Kauffman, Davaar Avenue.

Miss Gertrude Lerner, of Boston, Mass., visited her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fisher, Maplewood Avenue.

Miss Ray Hoppenheim, St. Urbain Street, is visiting relatives in New York.

Mrs. L. Rappaport has returned to Brooklyn, N.Y., after visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. M. Pollatt, Prince Arthur Street.

Mrs. Mee L. Dubitsky, Outremont Avenue, is at Ste. Agathe this week.

Miss Miss Weinstein, who spent several days at the Chateau Frontenac, in Quebec, was guest pianist at a concert given by the Royal Canadian Air Force for the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Etinson, 56 Nelson Avenue, were in Toronto, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Herberman, and were present at the bar-mitzvah of their nephew, Martin Ettenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ettenson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Blackman and daughter, Dorothy, Querbes Avenue, spent a holiday at St. Agathe.

Mrs. A. Etinson, Nelson Avenue, has returned from New York, where she was the guest of her brothers-in-law and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. I. Turner and Mr. and Mrs. H. Fishman.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Schachter, Querbes Avenue, spent several days at [illegible] as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. Altman.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Fox, Henri Julien Avenue, are spending several days at Ste. Agathe.

Miss Dorothy Holsberg, 5035 Park Avenue, who underwent an operation at the Western Division of Montreal General Hospital, is convalescing at her home.

Miss Lottie Goodkowsky, Queen Mary Road, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Flanders at their country home in St. Agathe.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Golden, Vendome Avenue, spent a holiday at Lac Brule.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrie Coshof, Cote St. Luc Road, spent a few days at Four Seasons Lodge, in St. Agathe.

Mrs. Leo Singer, of Lethbridge, Alberta, who was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Shaliusky, Marcil Avenue, has returned home.

Mrs. Joseph Lewis, Marcil Avenue, is spending some time with her daughter, Mrs. Louis I. Aten, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. Norman Segalowitz, of Ottawa, spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Riven, Vendome Avenue, and the latter returned with her.

Mrs. M. M. Heft and Mrs. L. Heft, Coolbrook Avenue, are leaving for New York to spend a week visiting relatives.

Mrs. S. Leon Mendelsohn and daughter, Paula, Grovehill Place, spent a holiday at Lac Brule.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Mendel, Harvard Avenue, have returned from Lac Brule.

Mrs. Nathan Feint, and daughter, Marylin, of Mount Vernon, N.Y., and Mrs. Raymond Allen, of Toronto, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Friedman, Queen Mary Road.

Miss Brenda Joseph, Queen Mary Road, has returned from a holiday at Lac Brule.

Mrs. M. M. Heft, Coolbrook Avenue, entertained twelve guests at a luncheon.

Mrs. Ben. Friedman, Queen Mary Road, entertained at a tea at the Montefiore Club, in honor of Miss Florence Friedman, a bride-elect of March 7.

A dinner was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. Halpert, Prudhomme Avenue, who celebrated their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary, at their home. Only immediate relatives and friends were there. Spring flowers and candles decorated the tables. Mesdames L. Bacher and David Halpert, and Misses Bessie Silver and Florence Halpert assisted in serving.

Mrs. Reginald Lewis, Wilder Avenue, entertained in honor of Mrs. Ben. Smolkin, of Smith Falls, Ontario. Present were Mesdames C. Balinsky, J. Kukerman, S. Ray, A. Corber, C. Corber, C. Shatsky, V. Parness, and M. Robinson. Mrs. Smolkin poured.

Harold Shaer, 1202 Lajoie Avenue, entertained thirty friends to celebrate his thirteenth birthday.

Mrs. Gordon Aaron, 4617 Hutchison Street, and Misses Jean and Edith Leibovitch, 4606 Jeanne Mance Street, were hostesses at a linen shower and bridge, at the Spanish Room, Queen's Hotel, in honor of Miss Mary Leibovitch, a bride-elect, about one hundred guests being present.

Entertaining for Miss Goldie Schacter, a bride-elect of February 28, were: Miss Sarah Ballis, tea at 400 Club, when a demi-tasse set was presented; tea presentation by Mrs. Lewis Schacter, sister-in-law of the bride-elect, at the Queens' Hotel, with covers laid for twenty-five guests; tea presentation by Miss Lillian Lifshits.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Rosen, Esplanade Avenue, gave a party to celebrate the birthday of their daughters, Shirley aged ten, and Frances, seven. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. M. Fixman, the grandparents, and cousins, Kathleen and Steven Goldenberg, Pagie and Charles Folger, Shirley and Irving Fixman, and Phyllis, Thelma, and Edwin Rosen.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eller, 56 Viny Avenue, gave a family dinner in honor of their son, Peter, who is home on leave, and for his fiancee, Miss Ruth Krauss. Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. Krauss and daughter Ann; Mr. and Mrs. Leon M. Adler, and sons, Steven and Brian; and Miss Gilda Adler. Mrs. Leon M. Adler assisted in serving.

U.S. ZIONISTS DEPLORE COUNCIL FOR JUDAISM

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rescue from extermination the crushed masses of European Jewry." It urged that a Jewish fighting force be placed in the field under the United Nations command, and also that the establishment of Palestine as a Jewish commonwealth be declared by the United Nations to be "one of the just and long-denied aims of the peoples of the world."

The Administrative Council went on record as endorsing the convening of an American Jewish Assembly within the next five months "to establish a common program of action in connection with the post-war status of Jews throughout the world and in Palestine." The decision to convene such an assembly was adopted at a conference of thirty-two national organizations recently held in Pittsburgh under the sponsorship of the Bnai Brith.

Judge Louis E. Leventhal of Philadelphia, president of the Zionist Organization of America, stressed the need of "mobilizing all forces of American Jewry in the present hour in preparation for the moment when the status of Palestine is to be considered at the peace table."

RABBIS AND SCHOLARS AIDED

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nine scholars were transported to Canada.

In 1942 the committee aided dispersed exiles from Poland and the Baltic States in Northern Siberia and helped most of them to reach warmer areas bordering Persia and Afghanistan. Three thousand rabbis, Yeshiva scholars and lay leaders were enabled to concentrate in larger groups and continue their studies. The committee also maintained with the necessities of life 512 persons returned from Poland, Lithuania and other parts of Europe and stranded in China, while 300 additional men, women and children were settled in Palestine.

Subsidies were granted to student exiles in Canada and 305 persons brought to America were helped until they became self-sufficient. Aid was extended also to [illegible] Morocco, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland and other countries and to refugees who had reached Santo Domingo. Offices were established in India, Persia, Switzerland and other neutral countries to facilitate relief.

The committee expressed gratitude to the governments of the United States, Soviet Russia, Great Britain, Poland and South Africa for cooperation.

The committee operates under the auspices of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of America and Canada and is sponsored by other rabbinical organizations and deans of rabbinical colleges in exile.

SAYS GIRAUD TO BETTER STATE OF JEWS

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which he had occasion to observe closely in Germany and which is repulsive to the French mind.

"The French Commander in Chief in North Africa emphatically condemns the Nuremberg laws; he has, in fact, already taken two important measures by restoring to the Jews their property and allowing their children to attend school without discrimination. Other measures are to follow soon."

By an order signed by General Henri Honore Giraud, civil and military Commander in Chief, Jews will be admitted into combatant units in the French Army in future.

The order covers Jews now serving in the Pioneer Corps, who will be admitted into fighting forces that do not include Moslems. Doctors will be admitted to the Army Sanitary Service up to the limits of its present needs.

Two conditions are attached to the readmission of former officers and noncommissioned officers. They will be restored to their old rank, first, if they have been wounded or cited in action; and, second, if they are favorably known to the military hierarchy.

AMERICAN ORTHODOX RABBINATE TRIBUNAL SCORES STAND OF 90 REFORM RABBIS ON PALESTINE

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the world by the extreme reformists. Reform Jewry is by no means united on this vital issue.

"The erroneous conception of the 'Palestine' critics concerning some fundamentals of traditional Judaism lies at the root of their misconception of true Americanism. To an upright, patriotic Jew conscious of his Jewish and American heritage, there is no problem of [illegible]

the Reform Rabbis and even among the Zionists, for fear lest their patriotism be impugned, try to soft-pedal the issue by claiming that the restoration of Palestine is meant only for the persecuted and homeless refugees. We of the Beth Din of America deny this emphatically. We say that even if no Jewish problem existed anywhere, and the Jewish people were treated like princes in every country of the world, we still need, want and must have Palestine as the centre and symbol of Jewish historical continuity and racial and religious solidarity throughout the diaspora.

The declaration recommends that the "New World Organization" which is being urged in the leaflet, should appoint a special commission to deal with a Jewish agency, "representative of all elements in Jewish life, on all questions that may arise with respect to Jewish status, security and minority rights the world over."

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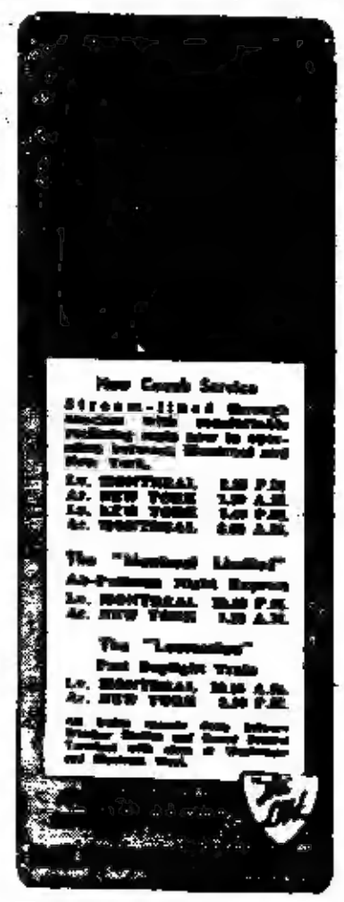

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Mr. and Mrs. Moe H. Heracovitch, 281 DeBard Avenue, entertained one hundred guests at dinner and later received another fifty guests in honor of the bar-mitzvah of their son, David William. Out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Freedland, of Boston, Mass.; Miss Clara Wener, of Cornwall, Ontario; H. Berman, of Sackville, N.B.; and their son-in-law, Trooper Hyman Frankel of Camp Borden.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Karpman, 922 Wilder Avenue, were hosts at an evening in honor of the latter's brother, Samuel Pasaman, of Scranton, Pa., others present being Mr. and Mrs. Alex Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. J. Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lerner, Mr. and Mrs. I. Silverman, Mr. and Mrs. S. Greenfeld, Mr. and Mrs. H. Levine, Mr. and Mrs. W. Litvack, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Lewis.

A reception and buffet supper with seventy-five guests was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. Kauffman, 784 Davaar Avenue, to honor their daughter and son-in-law, Corporal and Mrs. Ira B. Cohen, formerly Miss Elsie Kauffman, whose marriage took place on February 13, in New York. The table was decorated with a centre-piece of daffodils and American Beauty roses, white candles and tapers. Mrs. B. J. Kaufman assisted in serving. Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Cohen, of Bronx, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Quint entertained at a birthday party for their daughter, Alice Marcia, who was three years old. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bernard Fernley, grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. Harris Fernley and daughter, Beverley; Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Fox, Mr. and Mrs. E. Rosen, Mrs. Saul Cohen, Misses Estelle Fox, Doris Cohen, Zelda Cohen, Patricia Kennally, Bernice Averbuck; and Nathan Fernley, Louis Gomberg, Emmanuel Cohen, and Irving and Harry Rosen. Mesdames Nathan Fox and Harris Fernley assisted in serving and Mrs. Julius Fernley cut the birthday cake. Miss Fox, assisted by Nathan Fernley, played the piano.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Davis, 909 Wilder Avenue, gave a party in honor of their daughter, Dorothy, on her sixteenth birthday, at the El Morocco Club. Guests were: Goldie Rappaport, Betty Smith, Rhoda Katz, Patricia Malin, Velma Isaacson, Elsie Saltzman, Charles Gillis, Boris Shapiro, Harvey Malin, Edward Radow, Sidney Hart, Henry Wiseman, Hy. Waxman, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ray, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Rappaport, and Mr. and Mrs. Saul Rappaport. The honoree wore a baby blue net dress over taffeta, made with sweetheart neckline and long sleeves, and had a corsage of pink roses. A centre-piece of roses and ferns decorated the table.

The bar-mitzvah party of Harold, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shaer, 4202 Lajoie Avenue, took place with Louis Karovitch as toastmaster. The mother of the bar-mitzvah received in a floor-length dinner gown of black crepe, with net yoke and sequin trimmings, and a corsage of orchids. In the procession were the parents of the bar-mitzvah; Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Tunis, Mr. and Mrs. A. Nesslin, Mr. and Mrs. L. Goldsmith, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wasserman, Mr. and Mrs. B. Greenstein, Sergeant and Mrs. H. H. Dithotsky, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dithotsky, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stein, Mr. and Mrs. M. Sagant, Mr. and Mrs. N. Fleishman, Mr. and Mrs. L. Karovitch, Mr. and Mrs. S. Berg, and Mr. and Mrs. I. Feltman. Jerry Stein, as page boy, carried the tallis, and the grandfather of the bar-mitzvah, Max Shaer, placed it on the bar-mitzvah. Dinner was served for one hundred and thirty guests at tables decorated with spring flowers. Speakers were Reverend C. N. Denburg, M. Zelmanovitch, tutor of the bar-mitzvah, B. Wasserman, L. Karovitch, J. Dardick, H. Uman, S. Singer, M. Spiegelblatt, and S. Lebenson. An orchestra played.

Mrs. L. Quint gave a kitchen shower for Miss Anne Kofman, whose marriage to Nathan Leibman will take place on March 7, entertaining Mesdames S. Kofman, A. Kofman, P. Quint, S. Quint, J. Quint, J. Fane, S. Chodas, J. Miller, P. Wiseman, B. Pollack, E. Rosen, H. Leibman, R. Avertick, M. Malomet, A. Schacter, A. Braunstein, J. Quint, H. Handleman, H. Abugov, M. Abugov, M. H. Cohen, T. Kahman, Misses Roslyn Leibman, Reva Abugov, Sarah Abugov, Lottie, Bella and Minnie Quint, Sybil Fane, and Diana Caplan. Mesdames J. Quint and R. Avertick poured and Mrs. M. Malomet cut the ices. A linen shower was given by Mesdames J. Quint and S. Chodas; and a tea presentation at Eaton's by Mrs. T. Kofman.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Greenstein, St. Lawrence Boulevard, were hosts at a bar-mitzvah party in honor of their son, Peter, one hundred and six guests being present. "Hatikvah" was played for the procession of the following, the men carrying flags and women carrying candles: J. Greenstein, Mrs. L. Schachter, Mr. and Mrs. F. Sochet, Mr. and Mrs. S. Golden, Mr. and Mrs. B. Adelman, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rabinovitch, Mr. and Mrs. A. Reisman, Mr. and Mrs. F. Perlman, Mr. and Mrs. D. Greenstein, Mr. and Mrs. I. Golden, Mr. and Mrs. L. Herscovitch, Mr. and Mrs. H. Greenstein, Mr. and Mrs. A. Fleisher, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lietman, Mr. and Mrs. M. Greenstein, and the bar-mitzvah, Peter. Each couple lit one candle of the birthday cake, while the parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Greenstein, lit the fourteenth candle. The tables were decorated with roses, daffodils, and tulips. L. Woolf was toastmaster. Mrs. Greenstein received in a black crepe afternoon dress, with rose sequin and black bead trim, and a corsage of pink roses. Out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. F. Sochet, of Toronto, who assisted in receiving, the latter wearing a black crepe afternoon dress, with daisy flower trimming, and a corsage of Talisman roses.

At Laing's Inn, at Ste. Agathe, were: S. Rosenberg, B. Lutsky, of New York; S. Cophoff; Misses Frances Levitt, Frances Popligar, Miriam Sheeter, Sarah Trager, Bess Aaronson, Miriam Urtick, Sylvia Lawrence, Gladys Yanecovitch, Elaine Lubish, Jack Aron, Jean Yanofsky, Leah Stein, Rosalie Pinsky, Mir'am Cooper of Ottawa, Lillian Lipsey, Sylvia Singer, Phyllis Bank; Morris Sieber, Norman Browman, George Cohen, Donald Browman, Mac Macklovitch, Albert Shein, Misses Eve Shifman and Shirley Soupcoff, of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rosenthal, of Pembroke, Ont., Mr. Clifford Shapiro, Miss Eve Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pollock, S. Mendels, Misses Ruth Katz, Mrs. B. Burofsky, Miss Edith Isaacs and Fritzi Rich, of Irvington, N.J., Leon Beer, Nathan Garth, J. Bergman, Samuel Lazarus.

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Joseph Abrahams, executive secretary of Temple Emanu-El Congregation, Montreal, will address the Convention of the National Association of Temple Secretaries, to be held in New York, on April 2-4, in conjunction with the 50th biennial convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Mr. Abrahams is a member of the General Committee of the Association. —Society Studio

APPROACHING MARRIAGES

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Lipsin, 372 Fairmount Street West, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Anita, to Nathan, son of Joseph Miller, Esplanade Avenue, and the late Mrs. Joseph Miller, the wedding to take place on March 14.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Moscovitch, 4129 Esplanade Avenue, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter Frances (Fanny) to David Abrams, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Abramovitch, Arcade Street, the wedding to take place on February 28.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Schacter, 3984 Laval Avenue, announce the approaching marriage of their only daughter, Goldie, to Samuel, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Jacobson, 5240 St. Urbain Street, the wedding to take place on February 28.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Nimerson, 3909 St. Urbain Street, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Gertrude, to Max, son of Mrs. R. Levine, 6858 Hutchison Street, and the late E. Levine, the wedding to take place on Sunday, March 28.

BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Wiseman (nee Evelyn Brainin) St. Catherine Road, at the Jewish General Hospital, on February 7, a daughter, Susan Karen. Grandparent is Mrs. S. Brainin, Dorval Avenue.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rosenoff (nee Pauline Steinberg) Selwyn Avenue, at the Jewish General Hospital, on February 12, a daughter, Alta. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Steinberg, de l'Epee Avenue; and Mr. and Mrs. H. Rosenoff, de Bullion Street.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. B. Lechter (nee Bella Zabitsky) Cote St. Luc Road, at the Jewish General Hospital, on February 15, a son, brother of Mortimer. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. P. Zabitsky, Canning Street; and Hyman Lechter, of Newark, N.J.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Kucharsky (nee Elsie Nester) Esplanade Avenue, at the Jewish General Hospital, on February 15, a daughter. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. S. Nester, of Longueil; and Mr. and Mrs. F. Kucharsky, St. Urbain Street.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. I. Madel (nee Sarah Miller), 111 Villeneuve Street West, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, on February 13, a son, brother of Ted. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. Miller, 4704 Jeanne Mance Street.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Max Kornbluth (nee Sarah Tiger) Joyce Avenue, at the Jewish General Hospital, on February 12, a son. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Boris Kornbluth, Villeneuve Street West.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. B. Schecter (nee Anita Brainin Schuller) Coronet Avenue, at the Jewish General Hospital, on February 10, a daughter, Marcia (Masha) Brainin. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O. Schuller, Jeanne Mance Street; and Mr. and Mrs. M. Schecter, Cote des Neiges Road.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Gilman (nee Shaindel Struger), St. Joseph Boulevard West, a son, at the Jewish General Hospital, on February 7. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Gilman, Esplanade Avenue.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reisler (nee Leah Sosner) Henri Julien Street, at the Jewish General Hospital, on February 21, a son. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. Sosner, Henri Julien Street; and Mr. and Mrs. M. Reisler, Park Avenue.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Aronovitch (nee Sylvia Stein) Bernard Avenue West, at the Jewish General Hospital, on February 12, a daughter, Elaine Marion. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. I. Aronovitch, Durocher Avenue; and Mrs. B. Stein, of Boston, Mass.

Born, to A.C. 2 Arthur D. Roby and Mrs. Ruby, (nee Fay Gilbert) Cote des Neiges Road, at the Woman's General Hospital, on February 22, a son. Grandparents are Mrs. Lewis Gilbert, Western Avenue; and Mr. and Mrs. David Ruby, Maplewood Avenue.

Three bills attacking racial discrimination in Minnesota have been introduced into the state legislature.

Jack Garoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Garoff, 4318 St. Urbain Street, Montreal, and grandson of Mr. L. Getsug, 76 Bagg Avenue, and of Mrs. A. Garoff, 4249 Clark Street, celebrated his barmitzvah.

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QUEBEC CITY

Mrs. H. Yaffe, Belvedere Road, is spending some time in Montreal.

S. Gold, Belvedere Road, joined his wife and child, Barry, for several days in Montreal.

A farewell party was held for Samuel Lax, who left to live in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lax, Chateau Frontenac, have taken up residence on Vendome Avenue, Montreal.

Lieut. and Mrs. S. S. Bard, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. M. Robinson, of Lowell, Mass.

Misses Mina Weinstein and Marusia Rudowskaya, who entertained at the Manning Depot, No. 4, for the benefit of the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. Rubin, Levis Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Gelber and son, Nahum, Marquette Street, spent several days in Montreal.

M. Ratney, of Toronto, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Sigman, Fraser Street.

• MONTREAL MEETINGS •

• Norman Lethovitch, Montreal painter and sculptor, is holding his first local one-man show at the Arts Club, 2027 Victoria Street, until March 14. After completing his studies in Montreal, Mr. Lethovitch was offered a residential scholarship at the American People's School in New York where he studied under Carl Nelson, the well-known American painter, and while in New York Mr. Lethovitch was awarded a scholarship at the Art Students League where he worked under William Zorach, the eminent Jewish-American sculptor. Shortly before his return to Montreal in 1937, he assisted Mol Goldstaroff in the execution of stage settings for the Yiddish Artef Theatre. Recently Mr. Lethovitch designed settings for several local theatre groups. He has exhibited at the spring exhibitions of the Montreal Art Association and is a member of the Federation of Canadian Artists.

• MACCABEAN CIRCLE, McGill University, Mervyn L. Weiner, president, is participating in the second annual debate against the Hillel Foundation of Queen's University, at an open meeting of Mount Royal Lodge, B'nai B'rith, at the Mount Royal Hotel Ballroom, on Sunday, February 28, at 8.15 p.m. Speakers for Maccabean Circle are Miss Tamar Shine and David Schwartzman.

• Wednesday Evening Knitting Circle donated $90 to the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund and $20 to the Children's Memorial Hospital. Members are: Mesdames J. Braunstein, H. Bernstein, S. Yanow, H. Stein, I. Kosler, J. Rudick, R. Lauter, M. Davis, M. Rosenberg, A. Mitchel, L. Shier, L. Pearl, S. Deitcher, M. Pollock.

• Jewish Ministers, Cantors, Conductors and Singers Association annual concert, direction of Jacob Rosenzweig, took place at Bnai Jacob Hall. H. Grover, chairman, was introduced by Cantor Nathan Mendelsohn, chairman of the society. A. Albert, president of the synagogue, was guest speaker. Proceeds, over $1,000 were donated to the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund. Samson Rosenzweig played two violin selections by Ernest Bloch, and Vitali. Hebrew liturgical songs were sung by the choir of Cantors, I. Rabinovitch, [illegible], A. Kilfoy, A. Mehr, I. Kronick, K. Nadler, I. Schuster, S. Rosenzweig, and singers, Peter Nemensky, M. J. Jacobson, Alex Cohen, Sol. Schechter, A. Ruckenstein, Norman Skrubnick.

• RED CROSS Jewish Branch: Loyalty Group will hold their weekly meeting on March 3, at the home of Mrs. G. Leopold, 8713 Esplanade Avenue. Proceeds for the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund. Mrs. Samuel Bronfman presented the following with pins of merit for one hundred hours of service rendered the branch: Mesdames G. Aaron, S. Alrod, M. Altrous, S. Alrod, C. Balitsky, H. Bazar, L. Brownstein, M. Caplan, L. Chalfits, D. Chorlton, B. I. Cohen, Saul Cohen, M. Chandler, M. Cooperberg, M. Davis, M. Dobrofsky, A. Day, J. Eliesen, A. Finestone, S. Garber, N. Gold, Sarah Goldberg, F. Green, L. Gross, H. Gordon, Saul Harris, Bertha Ishitsky, P. Jacobson, R. Jacobson, R. Kaminsky, S. Locker, S. Levites, R. Lang, H. Levins, J. Laffell, S. London, F. Livingstone, I. Moscovitch, D. Mill, B. Manis, G. Pomerantz, I. Reinharz, C. Rosenberg, B. H. Rubin, I. Sark, J. Schecter, S. Sankel, H. Simon, A. P. Starr, George Salomon, Lena Samuels, A. Solomon, H. Stein, W. Solomons, C. Shiller, M. Silverstein, H. Trister, M. Vineberg, S. Wenger, B. Yanofsky, S. Yaplis, Misses Lillian Finestone, Rose Carmaine, Faye Goldstein. Names omitted from this list were sent to the Review without first names in the case of unmarried women; or without first names or initials for the others. The Merit Committee is preparing a list of workers who will receive pins the latter part of March. Mrs. Jacob Kellert, assisted by a large group of women, will represent the Jewish Branch in the forthcoming campaign. Donations were: $5, from Mrs. E. G. Bernstein; $10, Miss Betsy Rubin for the Lucky 13 Group. Circle Group members were presented with a chevron pin for work completed. Meetings are held every Monday evening. Miss Myrtle Jakin is president; others, Mrs. Harry Lazar, Miss Fanny Scheffer.

• Mrs. B. Plonsick, 620 McEachran Avenue, gave a tea at her home for the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund. Covers were laid for thirty-seven guests and $82 was realized. Mrs. P. Bortz assisted in serving. Miss Gertrude Tevanoff won the raffle.

• JEWISH CENTRE, Isaac Weinblatt, Rabbi: Friday, February 26, 6.15. Mincha service, Maarev service follows; Saturday, 9 a.m.; 10.30 sermon, "The Golden Calf"; 5 p.m. Bible study and Mincha service; 6 p.m., shalesudos for youth; 7 p.m., Maarev service. March 3, 8.30, Tanach Bible study; refreshments by the Sisterhood. A luncheon and social of the Sisterhood at the home of Mrs. Z. Nathanson, Querbes Avenue, was attended by: Mesdames S. Kahana, J. Cohen, S. Teblum, M. Bloomfield, T. Teblum, B. Manis, M. Spiegel, N. Shapiro, D. Star, R. Finkelstein, G. Bly. $15 was realized for the Centre. Next meeting at the home of Mrs. S. Pont, 863 Dollard Avenue.

• Mrs. I. Gornitsky, 794 McEachran Avenue, entertained at her home at a bridge and mah jong for the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund. Mesdames I. Labow, J. Goldberg, H. Cohen, D. Freeman, P. Centre, S. Chodos, J. Miller, H. Stein, M. Tenser, L. Cutler, H. Adler, I. Marks, H. Levy, B. Bentel, S. Berman, S. Zanger, B. Cahanna, I. Fortus, H. Fishman, D. Hoppenheim, S. Levine. Those who were unable to attend and contributed were: Mesdames D. Goldberg, L. Gornitsky, L. Saltzman, A. Singer, G. A. Margolis. Mrs. H. Cohen poured, with Mrs. S. Berman assisting.

• HOSPITAL OF HOPE: Victory Unit meets on Monday, March 1, at the home of Mrs. S. Wolkova, 5318 Jeanne Mance Street, at 8.30 p.m. The following Units meet on Tuesday, at 8:30 p.m. Chaim Small, at the home of Mrs. N. Weinstein, 1934 St. Catherine Street West; Mordcha Baker, at the home of Mrs. J. Berkovitch, 385 Edward Charles Street; N.D.G., at the home of Mrs. J. Solomon, 4527 Dornal Street, installation, with Mrs. A. Stattner as co-hostess; Chele Mojshe Hersh, at the home of Mrs. J. Goodman, 6134 Durocher Avenue, at 8:00 p.m. in honour of her son's bar-mitzvah. The following Units meet on Wednesday, March 3, at 8:30 p.m.; Sara Aron Brotman, at the home of Mrs. H. Shleider, 5697 Park Avenue; Fraid, at the home of Mrs. H. Cohen, 717 de L'Epee Avenue; Rachel Froma Takefman, at the home of Mrs. L. Abramovitch, 5744 Northmount Street, at 2:30 p.m. Annual drawing of Henry Shuster Unit takes place on March 3, at 8:30 p.m., at 4485 St. Lawrence Boulevard. Council meeting on Wednesday, at 2:30 p.m., at 4485 St. Lawrence Boulevard, every unit sending two representatives. Hospital banquet on Sunday, March 28, at the Ritz-Carlton [illegible], honour of Hon. Minister of Health and Social Welfare of the Province of Quebec, and Maurice Hartt, K.C., M.L.A.

• COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN paid-up membership meeting on March 17, in the Mount Royal Hotel, will present an Information Please program. Mrs. Sydney Levitt, the president will preside. Master of ceremonies will be Miss Catherine MacKenzie, principal of the Montreal Girls' High School. Guest expert will be Councillor Beryl Truax. Board of experts will be: Madame Pauline Donalda, Dr. Rachel Chait Wasserman, Dr. Frances S. Alexander, Mrs. Louis Fitch, Mesdames S. Barza, Louis Ritchie, S. J. Leibovitz. For each question incorrectly answered, one dollar will be given to the sender of the question, the money to be presented to the Council Camp Committee for Council Camp for Girls at Lac Fournelle. Questions incorrectly answered will be put to the audience. Questions are invited from Council members on music, contemporary Jewish affairs, literature, current events, domestic, consumer problems, civics and citizenship, and psychology (the effects of the war on the home), and questions and answers should be sent to the programme chairman, Mrs. Joseph Goodson, 3410 Atwater Avenue, Apt. 12.

• HEBREW CONSUMPTIVE AID ASSOCIATION is postponing the annual bazaar to the evening of March 20 and March 21. Jack R. Bogusz is president.

• TEMPLE EMANU-EL, Dr. Harry J. Stern, Rabbi: Service, Friday, February 26, at 8:15. Sermon: "Victory For Brotherhood"; Oneg Shabbat and reception; Saturday, at 11:30, sermonette. In tribute to the late Feigel Bercovitch on inscription of her name on the Temple Memorial Tablet will be made this Friday. Harry E. Davis will be honoured by the Brotherhood on Sunday evening, March 28, on its first president. Committee: Martin Arsovitz, Lawrence Marks. The Friday service on March 5 will be devoted to the dedication of honor roll plaque and the consecration of a service flag in honor of Emanu-Elites in the service of the country. Annual school carnival takes place on Purim Day, Sunday, March 21. Prizes for the finest Queen Esther; Haman, Mordecai, and other costumes. Assembly was addressed by Mrs. George Alexander, president of the Parent-Teacher's Association. For the High School social and dance this Saturday, February 27, at 8:30, committee is: Ruth Carrick, Roslyn Wolfe, Marvin Segal, Mrs. H. H. Lewis, Miss Frances Katz.

• CLUB TANDEM, musicale at 5563 Esplanade Avenue, Sunday evening, February 28, at 8.30 p.m., invites boys and girls aged 18 to 25. Prospective members call Miss Gertrude Gesser, La. 0457.

• MOUNT SINAI SANITARIUM Ladies Auxiliary will hold their meeting on Tuesday, March 2, at 2.30 p.m., at the Mount Royal Hotel. Mrs. Jacqueline Sirois, feature writer of the Montreal Gazette, will be guest speaker.

• Y.W.H.A. lecture in the Music and Art series will be given on Wednesday evening, March 3, by Ernst Neumann, Montreal artist, whose work is in the permanent collections of practically all Canadian museums of art and several American ones, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. Lecture will be: "Paintings And How to Look At Them". Illustrations. Members of Y. W. and Y. M. and non-members welcome at a nominal fee.

News for this column is accepted with the understanding that it is not to appear in daily newspapers before Friday of the same week. Items that do appear in daily papers before the Review goes to press will be omitted.

• At a bar-mitzvah party given by Mr. and Mrs. M. Greenstein, St. Lawrence Boulevard, in honor of their son, Peter, $30 was collected for the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund.

• LADIES AUXILIARY of the Canadian Hebrew Sick Benefit Association, entertained at a tea presentation for Miss Goldie Schacter, a bride-elect of February 28.

• WOMEN'S WAR EFFORTS COMMITTEE of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Eastern Division, received for the Comforts Fund, from: Victorettes Club, Y.W.H.A., Miss Celia Rotman, $3; King George Sick Benefit, P. Borts, $10; Bamarshler Hebrew Sick Benefit Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. S. Polatz, $10; Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. E. Solomon, $10; Mrs. Ida Pincovitch, $1.50; Mogen David Aleph Chapter, A.Z.A., Irving Harrog, $5; Ukrainian Ladies Auxiliary, Mrs. S. Tock, $5; Mrs. I. Cohn, $2; Bnai Brith Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. [illegible], [illegible] donation, Mrs. R. Cohen, $2; Mount Sinai Sanatorium, Unit No. 20, Mrs. L. Schechter, $5; Mrs. R. Schnapp, $2; Miss Dee Garoff, $2; Mrs. L. Wiseman, $5; Mrs. H. Fried, $8; Mrs. H. Rudy, $2; Kin Club, Mrs. A. Monk, $11.50; We Want to Help Group, Miss Bella Sacharen, $2; Seniorettes Club, Mrs. Sarah Gorber, $9.

• SHAAR HASHOMAYIM SYNAGOGUE, Dr. H. Abramowitz, Rabbi: Bruce Raginsky, son of Mrs. Raginsky and the late A. O. Raginsky, will be called to the Reading of the Torah this Sabbath morning in celebration of his bar-mitzvah. At a special service in honour of the late Lord Baden-Powell, founder of the Scout Movement, Brownies, Cubs, Guides and Scouts of the synagogue paraded in full regalia, and the sermon was on the ideals of Scouting. Mr. Norman H. Friedman, District Commissioner: Brown Owl Judith Kirsch; Cubmaster Michael Novick; Girl Guide captain, Jeanne Rosenthal; Scoutmaster, Alex Shulman; Sydney Webster, chairman of the Boy Scout Council, Montreal District were there. Kiddush was served in the dining hall, supervision of Mrs. M. N. Finsberg. Bernard Cooper recited the prayer. On February 27, Junior Congregation will be host to Alpha Beta Chapter of Mu Sigma fraternity. Bernard S. Berlin will be guest speaker. At services Mortimer Flandera, S. J. Leibowitz, Jonathan Robinson, Herbert Strean, Gordon Edelstone, Derek Miller, Maurice Phillips, Burton Meienlle, Perry Meyer, Vivian Slawoushi took part. As an assembly program, "The Prayers of Israel" Ellen Vineberg introduced the play. Cast: Marilyn Goodman, Norma Reitman, Joan Rubin, Elaine Rudner, Gloria Solomons, Sheila Seigler, Rhoda Sendel, Thelma Silver. Organ accompaniment by Mrs. W. N. Finsberg. Open meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association, Lionel J. Shine, president, presiding, paid tribute to the late secretary, Mrs. Harry Kirsch, in whose memory a minute of silence was observed. In the Information Please contest, the Talmud Torah was represented by: Frances Lerner, Yehuda Liphsitz, Leah Paffiel, Eddie Caplansky, Nachum Rabinowitz, Marvin Shiller; the religious School by: Lois Kinzman, Jay Schwartz, Ingrid Wetmber, Beryl Finn, Perry Meyer, Herbert Sheps, Nachum Rabinowitz and Beryl Finn won, each receiving a prize. Master of ceremonies was Mrs. S. J. Leibowitz. Marvin Shiller expressed thanks for hospitality. After a discussion, "Parents And Youth Face The Modern World," the Rabbi placed responsibility upon the parents. Other honorary judges were Philip Levy and M. I. Mendelsohn.

• PIONEER WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION: Goldie Myerson Group honored Mrs. H. M. Caiserman, Council Chairman, on her fiftieth birthday. Hostess was Mrs. M. Yagod, 831 Stuart Avenue. Money raised will buy a dunam of land, in the name of the guest of honor, through the Soldiers' Land Fund of the Jewish National Fund.

• EZRAS NOSHEM TALMUD TORAH: Annual bridge was held at Bnai Jacob community hall. Mrs. M. Hendleman won the raffle of a comforter cover donated by Mrs. Beckie Segal, 103 Villeneuve Street West. Assisting in serving were: Mesdames M. Wiseman, J. Gribs, A. Karpman, I. Weisberg, M. Cohen, L. Rosenthal, Miss Sadie Rosenberg. Next meeting, Sunday, February 28, at 2.00 p.m., at the home of Mrs. I. Weisberg, 5033 Park Avenue.

• YOUNG JUDAEA annual campaign will be on behalf of the Daniel Sieff Institute of Rehovoth, Palestine, of which Dr. Chaim Weizmann is the director. This is the third step in a project to raise $5,000 on behalf of war research in Palestine which was commenced two years ago. This year's quota is $2,000. Campaign is March 1-21. Honorary chairman of the campaign is Harry Batshaw, K.C.; national chairman, Miss Celia Jospe, of Montreal.

• HADASSAH: Chapters meeting Monday, March 1, at 2:30, are: Adath Israel, at the home of Mrs. M. Herscovitch, 891 Dollard Avenue; Central, bridge and mah jong at the home of Mrs. A. Ettinson, 54 Nelson Avenue; Deborah, at the home of Mrs. R. Zahitsky, 4393 Girouard Avenue; Kadimah, at the home of Mrs. H. Fineman, 2267 Maplewood Avenue; Miriam Braintin Ortenberg, at the home of Mrs. L. Berman, 784 de l'Epee Avenue; North End, at Judaean House, hostess, Mrs. S. Levine; Queen Esther, at the home of Mrs. W. Binzler, 958 Pratt Avenue; Rachel Anna Leavy, at the home of Mrs. I. Grotsky, 759 Querbes Avenue; Rachel Levinson, at Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, hostesses, Mesdames J. and H. Ein, with Miss Sarah Kositsky giving a humorous reading; Young Ladies Zionist, at the home of Mrs. S. Berkowitz, 14 Magnolia Avenue, with [illegible] speaker, Mrs. Celia Hyams. Chapter meeting, Tuesday, March 2, at 2:30, at [illegible] meeting and bridge at Judaean House, Mrs. R. Zelman and Mrs. B. Chvand, hostesses; Shoshana, bridge and meeting at the home of Mrs. H. M. Rauer, 5214 Mountain Sights. Chapter meeting Tuesday, March 2, at 8:30, is: Judith, at the home of Mrs. S. Kahan, 19 St. Catherine Road. Chapter meeting Wednesday, March 3, at 8:30, is: Bialik, at the home of Mrs. S. S. Gordon, 841 Outremont Avenue. Kadimah Chapter will give a supper and dance on Saturday, March 6, at 7, at Headquarters, hostesses, Mrs. M. Kolber and Mrs. J. Arbess. Emes Israel Chapter social, Saturday, March 13, at 8:00 p.m. at Headquarters, has as convenor of tickets, Mrs. J. Schwartz. Proceeds for the Soldiers Land Fund. Friends invited.

• JEWISH GENERAL HOSPITAL, Women's Auxiliary Juniors: Paid-up membership social, at Shaare Zion Synagogue, 5575 Cote St. Luc Road, at 3.00 p.m., on March 7, will offer entertainment, refreshments, drawing for a Palestinian bracelet, prize for member bringing in the most new names. New memberships accepted at the door. Miss Beatrice Kirsch, president, and Mesdames Lloyd Stern and Harold Solnick are in charge.

Studied Jews, Tells Of Nazi Plot

German-American Bund leaders urged their followers to become United States citizens so they could obtain the use of the ballot in a fight to turn the United States into one of Adolf Hitler's satellite States, a former bund member testified in New York. The young man, Vaga Callan, was a witness before Judge John Bright at the trial of a suit to annul the citizenship of twenty former bundists on grounds of fraud.

Joining the bund about six years ago, he studied under Werner Ulrich, one of the twenty defendants in the action. In six months the teachings of the bund had cooled his pro-Nazi tendencies, and at the end of a year he was completely estranged from the movement.

For a while, however, he said, he had studied the Nazi ideas about Jews and others in this country. The bund's attitude, as expressed by Ulrich, he said, was that when the Constitution was adopted its benefits were withheld from "colored people" who then were slaves. Ulrich listed Jews as "colored people," and, dismissing the Bill of Rights, argued that neither Jews nor Negroes were entitled to the protection of the Constitution.

Mr. Callan was told, he asserted, that the bund intended to win control of the country by uniting all persons of German descent. Peaceable means would be employed if possible, but street fighting would be resorted to if necessary.

Mr. Callan was dressed in civilian clothes, but has been inducted into the Army and will report for active service shortly. He said he had been "rather pro-Nazi" under the influence of his mother, who had brought him to the U.S. from Denmark.

Love In Wartime

Time Magazine says:

They fell in love in Johannesburg. Bennie Harmer was the young resident physician in Durban's King Edward VIII Hospital. Olda Mehr was a concert pianist, pretty, 18, with glowing black eyes. When she won the Royal Music Academy Award in 1938, she sailed for London, promising she would come back in a year to be married.

In London Olda was a sensation. Sir Henry Wood made her his orchestra's soloist for the Albert Hall season in early 1939. Olda's parents went to London and rewarded her with a Continental holiday. In Poland they were trapped by the war and the Nazis. The Gestapo took Father Mehr to one concentration camp, mother and daughter to another.

Olda was put into a flooded dungeon. For six weeks she was not allowed to change her clothes. Then the Nazis said she was a spy. They put sharp tongs on her right arm and tore the flesh. They refused her medical attention unless she gave up her "military secrets." From then on indescencies alternated with the dungeon. She cleaned her wounds with the drip from the ceiling.

After long months the Nazis brought word that Father Mehr had died. Mother and daughter were allowed to attend the funeral, but not to open the coffin to see what was in it. Mother Mehr's mind broke down. Then the Red Cross intervened and got the Mehrs placed on the repatriation list. They were allowed to live in a small hotel on Berlin's outskirts.

When war came, Bennie Harmer had joined the South African forces and had been sent to the Middle East. In June 1942 he was captured at Tobruk. He was taken to Benghazi to assist Italians and Germans in hospital work. He wrote to Olda all the time. She received two letters, one from the prisoners' camp in Libya, the other marked "War Prisoner in Italy."

After almost two years in Berlin, Olda and her mother were sent through Vienna, Bulgaria, Turkey and Syria to Palestine. There Olda's mother was put under medical care. Something impelled Olda to go straight on to Cairo.

In November, when the British Eighth Army began to roll into Libya, the Italians told Bennie Harmer to prepare to leave for a prison camp in Europe. That night he escaped, and next day he joined advance forces of British, and Bennie began jumping up and down.

Two months later, in a Cairo newspaper: "Miss Olda Mehr and Captain Bennie Harmer of the South African Medical Corps announce their forthcoming marriage."

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MARRIAGES

Bebins-Lerman

The marriage of Miss Gertrude Lerman, daughter of H. Lerman, 6801 Jeanne Mance Street, and the late Mrs. M. Lerman, to Pte. Thomas A. Bebins, of Halifax, N.S., formerly of Montreal, son of M. Bebins, 4540 Clark Street, and the late Mrs. R. Bebins, took place at the bride's home, on February 16, at eight o'clock, with Rev. H. Rothlatt officiating. The bride was given away by Mr. and Mrs. S. Wertheimer, the latter wearing a navy blue crepe dress, trimmed with flower appliques, matching hat and veil, and a corsage of red roses. The bride wore a pale blue jersey afternoon dress made with heart-shaped neckline, three-quarter-length sleeves, tight fitting bodice, and full skirt, a matching jersey hat with a shoulder-length veil, and a corsage of orchids. The maid of honor was Miss Adda Bebins, sister of the groom, who wore a print applique afternoon dress, matching hat of blue and a shoulder-length veil, and a corsage of yellow roses. The best man was Jesse Dixter. The groom was given away by his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weiser, the latter wearing a turquoise blue dress, matching hat, and a corsage of Talisman roses. Spring flowers decorated the house. A buffet supper was served to fifty guests, and the table was decorated with spring flowers. The couple will live in Halifax, N.S.

Cohen-Kaufman

The marriage of Miss Elsie Kaufman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Kaufman, 756 Dawson Avenue, to Corporal Ira B. Cohen, of the U.S. Army Air Forces, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Cohen, of Bronx, N.Y., took place at the Georgian Restaurant, Hotel Piccadilly, in New York, on Saturday, February 13, at [illegible] o'clock, with Rev. Goldmacher officiating. The bride was given away by her parents. She wore a beige crepe street-length dress, with V-shaped neckline, three-quarter-length sleeves, and full skirt, a beige felt tiara with a shoulder-length veil, and carried a nosegay of American Beauty roses. The matron of honor was Mrs. M. Dickman, of New York, sister of the bride, who wore a teal blue print dress, with matching hat and gloves, and a corsage of gardenias. The best man was Fred Cohen, brother of the groom. "I Love You Truly" was sung. A dinner was served for sixty guests at tables decorated with daffodils and gladioli. The bride's mother wore a mauve crepe street-length dress, with matching hat, and a corsage of orchids. The groom's mother wore a navy blue street-length dress, with matching hat and a corsage of orchids. The couple left on their honeymoon trip to Montreal, the bride travelling in a green wool suit, under a black cloth coat trimmed with mink, and matching accessories. Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Kaufman, of Montreal; Mrs. J. Fink, Mrs. H. Brickman, M. Cohen, D. Cohen, all of Lowell, Mass.; Corporal Jack Dickman, of Virginia; and Mr. and Mrs. G. Goldstein, of Passaic, N.J.

Silver-Kaufman

The marriage of Miss Esther Kaufman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Kaufman, 5405 Clark Street, to Ben. Silver, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Silver, 4640 Clark Street, took place at Chevra Kadisha Synagogue on February 21, at three o'clock, with Rabbi H. Denberg officiating, assisted by Rabbi M. Master. The bride was given away by her parents. She wore a white brocaded satin floor-length gown, with heart-shaped neckline, full-length sleeves, low bodice, and full skirt. Her headdress of white net crown, trimmed with orange blossoms, held a veil extending into a three-yard train, and her bouquet was a [illegible] of white Cilia lilies trimmed with lilies-of-the-valley. The maid of honor was Miss Toby Kaufman, sister of the bride, wearing rainbow-colored floor-length gown, with low bodice and sweetheart neckline. Her headdress was of yellow tulle, with a coronet of pink spring flowers, and she carried a cascade bouquet of pink roses. The flower girl was Evelyn Smith, niece of the bride, who wore a pink floor-length dress, with blue ribbon, and matching bonnet, and carried a nosegay of spring flowers. Philip Silver, brother of the groom, was best man. The ushers were I. Silver, M. Silver, A. Silver, L. Silver, M. Silver, D. Silver, E. Levine, H. Smith, A. Smith, M. Feldman, S. Feldman, H. Schloss, I. Katz, and L. Olshansky. The page boy was Donald Auerbach, cousin of the groom. The decorations were of spring flowers, and the wedding music was supplied by J. Rosemarin at the organ, assisted by Cantor H. Shurin and his choir. "O, Promise Me" was sung by I. Rosenstein, and "Because" by Harry Milgram. The reception was held in the community hall of the synagogue. The bride's mother wore a blue floor-length evening gown, with matching hat, and a corsage of red roses. The groom's mother wore a black net floor-length gown, with a straw hat, and a corsage of red roses. The couple left on their honeymoon trip to Ottawa and Toronto, the bride travelling in a light blue dress, with matching hat, and a seal coat. They will live at 4640 Clark Street. Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. Schloss, of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Miss Molly Lenhauer, of New York.

Mrs. I. Cohen was Miss Ruth Barack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Barack, 5222 Esplanade Avenue, Montreal, before her marriage to Private Irving Cohen, of the R.C.O.C., son of Mrs. L. Cohen, 51 Cuthbert Street.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. N. Naemark, 4479B Esplanade Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Doris, to Benjamin, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. Fisher.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Primm, 6311 St. Urbain Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Alice, to Pte. Saul Moscovitch, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Moscovitch, Jeanne Mance Street.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Bailis, 3462 Henri Julien Street, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Sarah, to Corporal William A. Lieber, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lieber, 5237 St. Urbain Street, the wedding to take place in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Rachmil, 5335 Park Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth, to Ralph Dubovitch, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Dubovitch, 4585 Hutchison Street.

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Levin, U. S. Air Hero, Killed In Action In Pacific

Was Once Denied Job In Aviation Because He Was A Jew

Staff Sergeant Meyer Levin, who as Captain Colin P. Kelly's bombardier, released the three bombs which sank the 30,000-ton Japanese battleship Haruna in the South Pacific off Luzon on Dec. 10, 1941, was killed in action in the Pacific last Jan. 7, the War Department announced in Washington. Sergeant Levin, whose exploit made him Brooklyn's most popular hero of this war, was twenty-six years old.

"Mike" Levin was crazy about flying from his boyhood when he made model planes in the hours he could spare from the homework assigned to him at Public School 186, Nineteenth Avenue and Seventy-sixth Street, Brooklyn. He was born in Rochester on June 5, 1916. Later the family moved to Brooklyn. After graduating from [illegible] High School, DeKalb Avenue and Fort Greene Place, and later at the Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association Trade School, 1115 Bedford Avenue.

Although his record at the latter school was one of the most brilliant in its history, "Mike" found it impossible to obtain a job in the aviation field, according to Marie McGowan, in the New York Herald Tribune. Friends advised him to change his name. His mother told him to make good as a Jew, because success obtained the other way wouldn't be worth it. The Army was glad to accept him as an aviation mechanic.

"Mike" was first assigned to Fort Slocum, N. Y., where, much to his disgust, he was made librarian. Because of his eagerness to get his mechanic's hands in the innards of the Army's bombers and fighters, he asked to be assigned to Hawaii, and his request was granted.

In a letter dated June 9, 1940, "Mike" told his family that he had undertaken something new — something "of a special and secret nature." He had entered the bombardier school at Hickam Field. He proved to have the nerveless composure and the faculties of perfect co-ordination and swift and accurate computation required of the bombardier qualities never better exemplified than in his demolition of the Haruna with the only three bombs he had. They all struck home.

Sergeant Levin's father, Samuel Levin, who had not seen his only son for three years and eight months—since he enlisted in the Army Air Corps on his twenty-third birthday, June 6, 1939,—said that he was proud that "Mike" died fighting for his country.

The Levins—Louis is 39 and Sam is 40—knew that their son had died in the way he wanted to die. For his future, Meyer had often told that, was in aviation. For his feats in the air—his fifty or sixty missions in which he destroyed Japanese transports, warships and Japanese air bases—Meyer received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star and the Oak Leaf Cluster recently for his pounding of Japanese bases and shipping.

Six weeks ago in his last letter Meyer described the operations in the Pacific as a "big job" in which he and the other boys would "give the Japs hell." He said he was fighting for a principle "to exterminate the three Axis powers so that all peace-loving countries will be free from aggression and war."

About eight weeks ago the Levins received a message from their son through a Sergeant Lilach, who was on leave and who visited the Levin house.

Mike, the sergeant said, was one of the most popular fellows at the post. The piano-playing, cigar-smoking Levin was always ready for fun and frolic.

Meyer's father is a clothing inspector for the United States Navy.

A sad-but-dry-eyed, graying little man, Mr. Levin answered reporters' questions and received the condolences of neighbors throughout the day in the living room of the Levins' apartment in a two-family house at 1504 East Thirty-third Street, in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn.

Mr. Levin learned of his son's death on February 14 when he received the usual terse telegram from the War Department, informing him that a letter would follow. At that time his wife, Mrs. Leah Alfred Levin, was ill of appendicitis in Adelphi Hospital, Brooklyn.

Mr. Levin told his wife that their son had been reported missing in action. "I hope they made the same mistake they made six or seven months ago when they reported Meyer missing," she said. "You know, I had a dream last night that Meyer was killed."

When Mrs. Levin returned from the hospital after undergoing an appendectomy, her husband gave her the tragic news.

"I had to make a good job of telling her in such a way that it wouldn't hurt her," Mr. Levin said. "I am very happy and proud that she took it like a good girl. She took it very bravely and in a patriotic spirit."

On the sofa was the wood-and-bronze memorial plaque which Mr. and Mrs. Levin received from 2,500 friends and neighbors last Nov. 1—"Meyer Levin Day" in Brooklyn. Mr. Levin sat on the bench before the open piano "Mike" loved to play.

"We are a very patriotic family," Mr. Levin said. "We have a reason for it. We came from Vilna. It used to belong to Russia, but now Hitler has put his foot on it. I hope it won't be for long. Because of what we went through as Jews under the old regime of the Russian Czar, we appreciate the freedom we have here. That is why we taught our children to appreciate the liberty of America. That's why he went to fight as a proud American boy.

"We have one consolation—that at least he did his duty for his country. We won't be forgotten. He is dead bodily but he is alive spiritually as America's hero. I think he helped to lift the morale of youth. My boy is in the minds and hearts of youth today."

John Cashmore, Borough President of Brooklyn, called Mr. Levin on the telephone to express his sympathy and to promise that Brooklyn would erect a fitting memorial to his son. Another man called to tell him that there was a movement afoot among Brooklynites to collect a fund of $350,000 with which to purchase a bomber to be named for Colin Kelly and Meyer Levin.

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BAR-MITZVAHS

Harold Shaer, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shaer, 1202 Lajoie Avenue, was called to the reading of the Law at New Beth Yehuda Synagogue on Saturday, February 13.

DEATHS

The death of Goldie Bernstein, widow of the late Nathan Bernstein, occurred on Sunday, February 21, at her home, 5237 Park Avenue. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. M. Berkow; two sons, Julius and Samuel; four grandchildren, Nathan, Ruth, Evelyn Berkow, and Nathan Bernstein; also one sister, Mrs. L. Gurvitch. Funeral took place from Paperman and Sons, on Tuesday, February 23. Interment was at Bnai Jacob Cemetery, Back River, with Rev. Joseph Kravitz officiating. Shiva at 220 Fairmount Avenue West.

The death of Fanny Wiseberg Kurtz, widow of the late Barnet Kurtz, occurred on Friday, February 19, at the Royal Victoria Hospital. She is survived by three sons, Jack, Harry, Isidore; three daughters, Mrs. S. Myers, Mrs. J. Lazar, Miss Lily Kurtz, of New York, and eight grandchildren. Funeral service was held from Paperman and Sons, on February 21. Interment took place at the Austrian Cemetery, Back River, with Rabbi S. Herschorn officiating. Shiva at 1125 Bernard Avenue West.

The death of Sophie Sanford, widow of the late Aaron Finkelstein, occurred at her home, 67 Sherbrooke Street East, on Sunday, February 21, in her 93rd year. She is survived by nine children, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Funeral took place on Tuesday, February 23. Interment took place at Shaar Hashomayim Cemetery, Rabbi H. Abramowitz officiating.

The death of Sadie Jackman Levine, widow of the late Philip Levine, occurred at the Royal Victoria Hospital, on February 19. She is survived by one son, Theodore I. Levine; one grandchild, Mark Arnold Levine; one sister, Mrs. M. Wiseman; and one brother, Archie Jackman, of Detroit, Mich. Funeral took place from Paperman and Sons, on February 21. Interment took place at Shaar Hashomayim Cemetery, Rabbi H. Abramowitz officiating. Shiva at 4117 Northcliffe Avenue.

The demand that the United Nations establish an International Commission to aid in the [illegible] part of [illegible], Lebanon, was voiced at the Conference on Economic Problems of the Near East held in New York recently.

The National Refugee Service spent $2,216,700 in 1942 as compared to $3,070,000 spent in 1941.

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DEATHS

Morris Greenberg, 792 College Street, died suddenly at Mount Sinai Hospital, on February 19, at the age of fifty-four. He was a member of the Canadian Hebrew Benevolent Society. He is survived by his wife, Bessie; one son, Alfred; two daughters, Esther, Gertrude; one sister, Mrs. Samuel King; and two brothers, Cecil and Charles. Shiva at 792 College Street.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of Pearl Eichler, who passed away February 23, 1942. Sadly missed and ever remembered by her children, brother, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

In sad and loving memory of a dear husband, Archie Rotstein, who passed away February 24, 1941.

Today I am thinking just of you.
But then, my dear, that's nothing new,
I thought about you yesterday,
And the day before that, too.
I will think of your to-morrow,
And each day all through the year,
I will think of you forever,
For to me you were so dear.

Sadly missed and ever to be remembered by his wife, Yetta.

Card Of Thanks

Mrs. Abraham D. Solowey and family wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to their many relatives, friends, neighbors, and organizations for their kind expressions of sympathy and floral tributes extended during their recent bereavement.

Thirty prominent Tripoli Jews were taken along by the Italian troops when they evacuated the town, to be sent to Italy as hostages.

Social Notes — Toronto

Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Reisman, Oriole Parkway, are spending a week in New York.

Mrs. M. Dorsey, Walmer Road, has returned from Detroit, Mich., where she spent three weeks with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. M. Fenton.

Mrs. Marcus Hirsch, Rosedale Heights Drive, was the guest of Mrs. Rae Stern, of Montreal.

Word has been received of the safe arrival overseas of Captain Hubert J. Kline, R.C.A.M.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kline, 89 Hilton Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Silbert, Avenue Road, will be in New York for two weeks.

Mrs. H. I. Kert, of Montreal, is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kert, Forest Hill Road.

Mrs. Etta Cohn, Lonsdale Road, has returned from Pittsburgh, Pa., where she visited her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gold, formerly Miss Sylvia Cohn, to whom a daughter, Judith, was born.

Miss Dolly Cohn, Harper Avenue, has returned from Montreal.

Word has been received of the safe arrival overseas of Sgt. Pilot Sydney Roth, R.C.A.F., by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Roth, 35 Peveril Hill North.

Dr. Rose Abron, Palmerston Boulevard, has left to spend the remainder of the winter in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Tepperman, of Windsor, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Fish, Burnside Drive.

Mrs. J. Kramov, of Montreal, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Klebanoff, 24 Dewhourst Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tarshis and Miss June Tarshis, Clarendon Avenue, spent a few days in Montreal.

Miss Myra Cohen, Avenue Road, has returned from Chicago, where she spent a week.

Mrs. Charles Alter, of Tucson, Arizona, is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. S. D. Solway, Avenue Road.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Himel, Palmerston Boulevard, are spending the remainder of the winter in Miami Beach, Florida.

Miss Betty Grier, Elmsthrope Avenue, is spending the remainder of the winter in Los Angeles and Palm Beach, Florida.

Staff Sergeant Julian Davis and Mrs. Davis, of New York, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Steiner, Palmerston Boulevard.

Mrs. Max Steinberg and daughter, Zelma, 11 Highbourne Road, have returned from the west coast after a three months' visit with relatives.

Mrs. Henry Potter, Maplewood Avenue, is in Montreal.

Miss Annette Levy, of New York, has returned home after spending two weeks with her cousin, Miss Hilda Glucksberg, Montrose Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Rayman and family have taken up residence at 106 Heddington Avenue.

Mrs. Raymond Israel, formerly Miss Cynthia Straus, has gone to North Carolina to join her husband who is attached to the Airborne Division, U.S.A.C.

Mrs. Abe Mendelsohn and daughter, Marsha, of Montreal, are visiting the former's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wagner, Hope Street.

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goldberg, 12 Lauder Avenue, of the safe arrival overseas of their son, Corporal Max Goldberg, R.C.A.F.

Corporal Sidney Isman, C.M.S.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Isman, Gloucester Grove, is spending his furlough in Buffalo, N.Y., and New York.

Mrs. Irving Aaron, Crawford Street, is leaving to join her husband, Irving Aaron, R.C.O.C., Terrace, B.C.

Mrs. Charles Sanders, Glengrove West, has returned from Washington, D.C., where she visited her brother-in-law and sister, Lt. and Mrs. Edward A. Adelberg, and Paterson, N.J., where she visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs H. Lefkowitz.

Miss Shirley Soupcoff, Beatrice Street, is on a skiing trip to Ste. Agathe, Quebec.

Miss Eve Shulman, Palmerston Boulevard, is spending a vacation at Ste. Agathe, Quebec.

Miss Sophie Pearl entertained Mrs. Sidney Applebaum, formerly Miss Ruth Starr, at tea at Eaton's Round Room.

Mrs. Emil Glaser, Beverley Street, was hostess at tea at Eaton's Round Room, to honor Mrs. Hartley Maidaver, of Midland, a recent bride.

Mrs. F. Danzyger, Manning Avenue, gave a dinner at Murray House, celebrating the engagement of her daughter, Ruth, to Seymour Bleiwas. About twenty guests were present.

Mrs. S. Samet, Henry Street, gave a shower to honor her daughter, Bella, whose marriage to Morris Karalnick, of Montreal, takes place on March 13. There were about eighty guests.

Mrs. N. Rice, Queen Street West, gave a luncheon at the Royal York Hotel, for her daughter, Carolyn, whose marriage to Irving Applebaum takes place on April 6. About seventy-five guests were present.

A party was given for Mrs. Russell Goldstein, Clanton Boulevard, formerly Miss Irene Feldman, by her husband, on her seventeenth birthday. About sixty guests were present, and movies were shown of the couple's marriage ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Steinberg, Grace Street, entertained at dinner about fifteen guests, those from out-of-town being: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rotman, their son-in-law and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. H. Machin; and Mr. and Mrs. G. Bornstein, all of Hamilton.

Entertaining for Earl Kates and son, Charles Burton, of Chicago, were: Mrs. S. Gorelick, Dundas Street West, at a dinner, with thirty guests; Mr. and Mrs. Murray Kates, Dundas Street West, reception; Mr. and Mrs. S. Merecovitch, Crawford Street, dinner; and Mr. and Mrs. H. Shankman, Major Street, dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Salutin were hosts at a cocktail party and buffet supper at their new home, 53 Westmount Avenue. Guests from out-of-town were: Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Louis Miller, of Montreal; Mrs. Harry Epstein, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sobal, of Hamilton; and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rotsin, of Ottawa.

Entertaining for Miss Marjorie Mecklinger, a bride-elect, Mrs. F. Weil gave a presentation tea at the Royal York Hotel, with Misses Helen Shlesinger, Libby Pomerantz, Sylvia Sicaberg, and Shirley Silverstein present; Mr. and Mrs A. Orenstein, 1720 Bathurst Street, dinner; and Miss Helen Shlesinger, presentation tea at the Georgian Room, with Mesdames F. Mecklinger, M. Shlesinger, and E. Schwartz present.

Mesdames A. Elexson, S. Dalkin, F. Drukarsh, M. Katzman, and W. Eisen were hostesses at a miscellaneous shower at the Belvin, honoring Miss Freda Elexson whose marriage to Leo Winnick takes place in April. The honoree wore an American Beauty velvet dress with royal blue net, and corsage of red and white roses. About one hundred and seventy guests were present. Assisting were Mrs. J. Winnick, mother of the groom-elect, and Mrs. L. Cohen, his sister.

Honoring Mrs. Samuel Cass, who was Miss Lillian Zimmerman, Mrs. M. Zimmerman and Mrs. B. Zimmerman gave a tea at the Royal York Hotel; Mrs. M. Zimmerman and Miss Freda Zimmerman, Palmerston Boulevard, personal shower; Mrs. H. Lucatch, luncheon; Miss Lillian Kwhiter, tea; Misses Freda Weingarten and Lillian Wasserman, dinner and theatre; Mrs. L. Marcus, Brunswick Avenue, dinner; and Miss Ida Sobel, dinner and theatre.

To honor Miss Belma Spiegel, whose marriage to Robert Zweig takes place on February 28, Mrs. F. Adelberg and Mrs. J. Goldman gave a luncheon at the Savarin; Mrs. S. Rosen, Brunswick Avenue, dinner; Mrs. S. Tile and Misses Belle and Pearl Zweig, evening; Mrs. L. Weinstein, tea at the Georgian Room; Mrs. J. Wiseblatt, tea at the Royal York Hotel; Mrs. A. Glushin, Grace Street, evening; Mrs. M. Applebaum and Mrs. J. Markowitz, evening; Mesdames E. Levine, J. Schrager and H. Waltz, tea at the Arcadian Court; and Mrs. B. Shatz and Mrs. M. Samborsky, evening at the latter's home, Kendal Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Bloom, 139 Robert Street, were hosts at a party, celebrating their son Isha's fourth birthday, and daughter Reva's first birthday. After dinner movies were shown by J. Betesh, to Mr. and Mrs. E. Bloom, Mr. and Mrs. S. Dubinsky, Mr. and Mrs. J. Retesh and daughter, Dianne; Charles Betesh, of New York, Mr. and Mrs. M. Brown and daughter, Tillie; Mr. and Mrs. H. Bloom, Mrs. S. Bloom, wife of Flight-Sergeant S. Bloom, now stationed in Nova Scotia, Mrs. E. Brown and son, Albert; Mrs. H. Rosenberg, Misses Vera and Sally Bloom, Ida Brown; Albert Bloom, and Irving Dubinsky.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Tepperman, Lonsmount Drive, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Beatrice, to A.C. 2 David Nisker, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Nisker, Oxford Street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Cooper, 280 Huron Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Hetyane, to Henry, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Goldenberg, 53 Burnside Drive, the marriage to take place the end of March.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Jacobs, Bloor Street West, announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen, to Nathan Rubinoff, of London, Ont., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Rubinoff, Rusholme Road.

Harry L. Fruchtman, R.C.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Fruchman, 501 Palmerston Boulevard, Toronto.
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Private Stanley L. Fruchtman, Canadian Tank Corps, who has recently arrived overseas, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Fruchman, 501 Palmerston Boulevard.
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BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Libman (nee Helen Gernstein), 230 Chaplin Crescent, on February 9, at Toronto General Hospital, a daughter, Joyce Beverley. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Libman; and Mr. and Mrs. N. Gernstein.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Max Sone, 46 Beatrice Street, on February 9, at Mount Sinai Hospital, a daughter, Brenda, sister of Charlotte and Gerald. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. Abramovits, D'Arcy Street.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Abel (nee Rose Tarshis) 94 Montrose Avenue, on February 10, at Mount Sinai Hospital, a son. Mrs. F. Abel, Lippincott Street, is the grandmother.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Mac Goldman (nee Ruth Freedman) Bathurst Street, on February 4, at Toronto General Hospital, a son, Clifford Bradley. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Goldman, 188 Northcliffe Boulevard; and Mr. and Mrs. A. Bean, of Buffalo.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Goodman (nee Shirley Cohen) 396 Brunswick Avenue, at Mount Sinai Hospital, on February 10, a daughter, Marlene Edith. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goodman, 650 Bloor Street West; and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cohen, 205 Queen Street East.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wilner (nee Mary Rittenberg) 128 Roxton Road, on February 9, at Toronto Western Hospital, a son, Sidney Freeman. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. N. Rittenberg, 128 Roxton Road; and Mr. and Mrs. S. Wilner, 335 Shaw Street.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Soupcoff, Elwood Boulevard, on February 5, at Toronto Western Hospital, a son, brother of Adrienne. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Pauline, Crawford Street; and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Soupcoff, Beatrice Street.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arnold (nee Adele Bend) 860 Bathurst Street, on February 15, at Mount Sinai Hospital, a daughter, Ronda. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Bend, 860 Bathurst Street; and Mrs. Anne Aronovitz, 169 Major Street.

Born, to Dr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Solway (nee Ruth Alter), Avenue Road, at Toronto General Hospital, on February 15, a daughter, Paula Gail. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alter, of Tucson, Ariz.; and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Solway, 67 Olive Avenue.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Al. Green (nee Sonya Cohen), Clinton Street, at Mount Sinai Hospital, on February 15, a daughter, Sheila. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. I. Cohen, Clinton Street; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Green, Palmerston Boulevard.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Max Eckler (nee Ruth Pollock), 146 Lappin Avenue, on February 20, at Mount Sinai Hospital, a son, brother of Lorne.

● TORONTO MEETINGS ●

● **YOUTH ALIYAH** Youth Division discussed their campaign as a project of a registered war charity for rescuing children from war-torn areas. Mark Turail, executive director of Y.M.H.A. was guest speaker. Campaign officers: Honorary chairmen, Mrs. M. A. Levy, Norman Sorins; co-chairmen, Miss Belle Latchman, Oscar Levenson; others, Misses Florence Drutz, Esther Richmond; George Himelstein, Philip Band, Misses Shirley Mintz, Ida Greenberg; Aliyah Karr.

● **JUNIOR SINAI BRITH:** Winner of the $10 war saving certificate, raffled on January 27, was No. 243, Miss Freda Sherr, 193 Markham Street. Miss Zelda Cohen is president.

● **SHIN FEUG CLUB** of Jewish National Workers' Alliance gave a bridge at the home of Mrs. E. Kravitz, 7 Kendal Avenue, to honor Mrs. Arthur Cole, formerly Miss Esther Dworsky.

News for this column is accepted with the understanding that it is not to appear in daily newspapers before Friday of the same week. Items that do appear in daily papers before the Review goes to press will be omitted.

● **ADATH ISRAEL LADIES' AUXILIARY** had Mrs. B. Becker presiding in the absence of the president, Mrs. D. Siegel. Nineteen pairs of socks were sent to soldiers overseas, and $85 was collected at the meeting in addition to $60 collected at a money shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ginsberg, Whitmore Avenue. Oneg Shaboth services at the synagogue were sponsored by Mrs. L. Hertzman, direction of Rabbi A. Kelman and Cantor D. Glick. Purim bridge is on Tuesday, March 23, at 8 p.m. Mrs. B. Falbish and Mrs. A. Schacter were presented with silver relish dishes on their silver wedding anniversaries.

● **Y.M.H.A. Club** Charme and Pleiad are holding a dance on February 27, at Jewish Centre Auditorium, at 8:30 p.m., proceeds for the Russian Relief Fund. Presidents are Miss Retta Cohen and Melville Rotstein. Ladies' Auxiliary entertained at dinner at the Belvin for Miss Shirley Shapiro, whose marriage to Steve Pal takes place on February 28, and for Mrs. Cecil Anger, formerly Marcia Latowsky. Committee: Mesdames N. E. Gould B. Glaser, G. Handelman, J. Steinberg, J. Boxner, H. Rosan.

● **HEBREW LITERAL CLUB** elected: President, Harry Lewis, and J. Minegarten, J. Rubin, N. Title, A. Baltin, B. Freeman, Joseph Harris A. Scher, Julius, Weil. The president announced that the club had bought the club rooms at 689 Spadina Avenue. $100 is being sent to the to the Russian Relief Fund. Executive: H. Cowan, T. Kahn, M. Kaufman, S. Lent, M. Rubinoff, A. Swadron, Harold Weil. The club wants members to report sons or brothers in the Canadian Forces so that they may receive a parcel.

● **CLUB '41** and Gamma Alpha Mu are holding a tea to aid Youth Aliyah and the Russian Relief Fund on Sunday, March 28, from 3 to 7 p.m., at the home of Miss Goldie Wiseman, 6 Baldwin Street. Miss Lillian Cohen is president of Club '41; Miss Bernice Snider, of Gamma Alpha Mu.

● **JEWISH OLD FOLKS HOME** installation dinner was arranged by S. Gangbar. Rabbi M. H. Levy led in prayer. Henry S. Rosenberg, master of ceremonies, represented the United Jewish Welfare Fund. A modern building is being planned this year. Tribute was paid to the late A. D. Solowey, active on the Board of Directors for many years. Assisting in the installation were: Mayer Littner, Mrs. M. Freedhoff, J. I. Oelbaum, J. Graner, Rabbi J. Burak, Dr. C. A. Markson, Rabbi Samuel Sachs, Maurice Ezrin. Those installed were: honorary officers, Mayer Littner, Mrs. M. H. Levy, Israel Epstein, officers, Morris Frankfort, Mrs. M. Freedhoff, Jem Kaplan, Morris J. Weiss, J. Wiener, Samuel Yarmolinsky, A. Tanenbaum, S. Gangbar, Moses Handelman, Mrs. A. Slotteroff, Reuben Lieberman, ex-director, Asher Rosenblatt. Board of Directors: J. Bender, Maurice Ezrin, I. Gangbar, J. Graner, J. P. Katz, Dr. C. A. Markson, E. Pullan, Charles Pifko, A. Rosenthal, M. B. Rosenstein, M. Snider, Frank Silverman, M. Seltzman, H. Teperman, S. Wortsman, Dr. H. Winkler, Jacob Zelxman, Mesdames C. Eckler, A. Feinstein, M. S. Gottlieb, M. Levine, J. Moldaver, C. Newman, M. Narrol, B. Paiplish, M. Winters. Jem Kaplan presented a portrait of Israel Epstein to the latter who was president of the Home for the past ten years. Rabbi J. Kamenetzky spoke. The following are active for the Home: Mesdames M. Freedhoff, M. Narrol, M. H. Levy; C. Newman, M. Moldaver, R. Hachlin, B. Paiplish, M. Narrol, Mesdames A. Slotteroff, E. Gottlieb, C. Newman. Young Ladies' Auxiliary president is Mrs. M. Winters. Club Mem Zain, a junior group of young married women, have as their president, Mrs. C. Eckler, at a bridge and mah jong to aid the Hospital ward, A. M. Korolnek, J. Lev, and Harry Harris sang. Corsages were presented to Mrs. Israel Epstein and Mrs. Morris Frankfort. Campaign committee: Jem Kaplan, Morris J. Weiss, Mayer Littner, Samuel Yarmolinsky, J. Wiener, Dr. C. A. Markson, chief of the medical staff, who spoke.

● **NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH JUNIORS** met with the Councillettes. The raffle of a pen and pencil set was won by Miss Lillian Dicker, proceeds to go toward comfort boxes. Tea will be held the first week in May. Dramatic group, direction of Miss Shirley Rutman, put on a scene from "The Women."

● Single girls for organized social club, ages 20 to 30. Call Miss Esther Glickman, KI. 3066.

● Klaus Goldschlag, Dunbar Avenue, was host at an evening in the University College French Club.

MARRIAGES

Silverberg-Keshen

The marriage of Shirley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keshen, 295 Euclid Avenue, to Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Silverberg, 222 Queen Street East, took place at the Belvin, on February 2, Rabbi David Monson officiating. The bride, given in marriage by her parents, was gowned in white Chantilly lace fashioned on fairy lines, with a heart-shaped neckline, and long sleeves coming to points over the wrists. Her finger-tip veil fell from a halo of lilies-of-the-valley, and she carried a bouquet of white roses. Her sister-in-law, Mrs. James Keshen, was matron of honor, in pink sheer, and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Misses June Keshen, in pink net; Julia Schwartz, in blue velvet and crepe; and Shirley Keshen, in pink net trimmed with black, were bridesmaids, and all carried nosegays of roses. Louis Caplan, cousin of the groom, acted as best man, and the ushers were: Marvin Silverberg, Seymour Pepper, and Ben. Richmond. At dinner, the bride's mother received in turquoise blue crepe, and corsage of Talisman roses; with the groom's mother who wore black, trimmed with gold sequins, and corsage of red roses. The couple spent their honeymoon in New York, and will live in Toronto.

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NOTICE

Due to delayed mail delivery, considerable Toronto news had to be omitted from this issue, and will appear next week.

The Palace Of The Rothschilds

Memoirs Of A Jewish Emigre

By Rudolf Glanz

My father and mother came to Vienna when they were children and soon joined the ranks of the growing apprentice proletariat without which the Imperial capital could not have become a modern metropolis. We, the children born in Vienna, grew up in an atmosphere alien to any positive Jewishness, with which we were to become familiar later in life. But I vividly recall two figures which impressed themselves on my young mind—they were Rothschild and Lueger, the latter being the famous "People's Mayor" of Vienna (incidentally, the only person mentioned by Hitler in "Mein Kampf" as his spiritual leader).

I was seven years old when I was told by a playmate that this Lueger intended to expel all the Jews from Vienna. I was therefore amazed when I heard my father tell my mother to buy some silk for artificial flowers she was making. I was wondering what they wanted with flowers if we were going to be expelled from the city anyway. Later, when I heard the name of Rothschild, I formed the first compromise of my childhood I decided it was because of Rothschild and his wealth, so urgently needed in this world, that we, the other Jews, were permitted to remain in Vienna.

It was only much later that the real meaning of Lueger's readiness to compromise became clear to me. That quality came to its fullest expression in his famous saying "It is for *me* to decide who is a Jew and who is not." As for Rothschild, I was sure that he was totally different from any of the other rich Jews about whom I had heard. He appeared to me as the foremost figure among the wealthy Jews, overshadowing them all. All [illegible] even though they were [illegible] Hitler was of course Baron and Hitler was, were mere lampers-on to Rothschild. In my fancy the Star of the Rothschilds was the brightest of all stars.

As I became older and read the Jewish newspapers and the bulletins of the Kehilla, I learned more about the "House of the Rothschilds" which occupied a prominent place in the "community of Israelitish persuasion": there was "The Rothschild Hospital"; Rothschild was the head of the special electoral estate consisting of the Jewish magnates of Vienna; it had become customary among the plutocrats to elect as parnass one of Rothschild's confidential employees—the Baron himself would never permit himself to be elected. This was usually not an ordinary employee, but one specially appointed to supervise over the Rothschild charitable activities. Years later, when we had a Socialist faction at the Kehilla, we continued to elect one of Rothschild's employees as parnass. His name—characteristically enough — was Rothschkam, that is the home of begging. Popular wit could not have done any better. But the more I learned the folklore connected with the Rothschilds the more I knew that the Rothschild home was not a home where one could beg. A beggar could not get near it. The following is a characteristic story.

A poor man came to the Rothschild palace and asked to be admitted to see Rothschild. A servant gave him a slip and directed him to the fifth floor. There he was given another slip with the instruction to take another elevator down. Highly pleased, he showed the new slip to another servant, who was all ready for him. He took him by the collar and threw him out. The poor Jew returned to his home town and was at once surrounded by all his neighbors, who were eager to learn what he had accomplished on his visit to Rothschild. "The truth of the matter," he replied, "is that I was thrown out by the neck, but what wonderful organization!"

In time this little anecdote became living history. The Nazis occupied Rothschild's palace and turned it into the "Central Office for Jewish Emigration." A wonderful organization for throwing out all the Jews. Jews who had never had the opportunity to view Rothschild's resplendent riches in his magnificent palace were offered this opportunity — with no choice but to accept—before they left the country.

Up to that time Rothschild's wealth had afforded but little comfort to the Jews. In more recent years the name of the Rothschild Hospital was changed because the "Baron" had ceased giving money for it; it became the Hospital of the Israelitic Community, because the Kehilla was forced to maintain it entirely out of its own funds. There were persistent rumors that Rothschild employed fewer Jews in his business enterprises than was the usual percentage even among non-Jewish employers. The Viennese bank employees once went out on strike because sixty percent of the employees were Jews. But there was no strike in the House of Rothschild where Jews were hardly noticeable. There is a Yiddish saying to the effect that an Evil Eye cast by a Jew is much more dangerous than that cast by a Gentile. The Rothschilds must have feared the Evil Eye which the Jewish employees might cast upon their wealth.

Rothschild also feared the Evil Eye of Jewish science. Mention was often made at conferences of the Viennese section of the Yiddish Scientific Institute of the tremendous contribution to science the Rothschild archives might have made. The large number of Yiddish letters contained in them would be interesting not only for the light they could throw on the financial history of the family but from the purely linguistic point of view as well, as was shown by a similar collection of the Wertheimer banking family. Rothschild's fear of the Jewish Evil Eye, however, was apparently so great that no Jew was allowed to come near the archives. They were handed over for research to the Italian scholar, Count Corti. A Gentile's Evil Eye is less dangerous, after all.

Politically the last Rothschilds stood very close to the reactionary elements of Austria. Reporting on a Viennese election, the Arbeiterzeitung, main organ of the country's Social Democratic Party, relates that Clarissa von Rothschild was guilty of an impudent demonstration on behalf of the Christian Social Party in a polling booth. Other incidents are likewise noted, but none of these did anything to dispel the popular notion that the money of the country was steadily concentrating in Jewish hands — away from, subsequently, Christian hands. Rothschild once saved Austria from bankruptcy, chronically imminent ever since 1920. When the Agrarian Credit Corporation crashed, he saved it from going under through the operations of his own Credit Corporation. The newspapers carried a dramatic account of the wild search for Rothschild when a delay of several hours might have meant the end. The Baron was away in the hills, hunting, and a cordon of gendarmes surrounded the area where he was known to be and approached him from all sides to make sure they would not miss him. I happened to notice at the time that the day was Rosh Hashonah.

Thus Rothschild's palace became "Jewish" and thousands of Jews have passed through it, waiting for their number. In order to receive a number, you must stand in line all night, and there are a few Jews who earn a couple of pennies by "leading their feet", as they take the place of others in line. Experiences with Nazi officials are exchanged, and it comes out that even bloody callousness has its moments of psychological weakness. The Kehilla is forced to cooperate with the "wonderful organization" for the expulsion of Jews. It has its separate offices in Rothschild's palace, and there answers are supplied to the many questions in the detailed Nazi questionnaires. One had better not ask what these questions are about. There were twenty-three different currencies at one time, and each presented its own problems and difficulties. Those who handled one kind of mark new nothing about any other, and each bank had only one expert who knew what could be bought with each of the twenty-three different kinds of marks.

The Kehilla offices were situated in the servants' quarters. Even in the halcyon days of the Jewish community the Kehilla never possessed such offices in its own building. But I did not see the real splendor of Rothschild's home until I went upstairs, to the Frunksalle, after the Kehilla officials had checked my questionnaire and told me that I was ready.

At one time it would have been beyond the wildest dream of the imagination — an emigrant in Rothschild's ballroom, near the balcony reserved for the orchestra. There, to the merry playing of Strauss waltzes, the crowds once danced, and the entertainment was as lavish as the fittings. Instead of the furniture which once stood in the Frunksalle there were tens upon tens of desks. At each desk sits a man, who takes a paper out of your hands, or puts a stamp on it, or directs a question at you after he has finished reading the written answers on the questionnaire. There is a table where you must prove that you have paid the tax for your dog, or you cannot get the necessary stamp on your document. You pass from table to table according to the order determined by the police, and when you have left the last table and received all the required stamps, you are [theoretically] thrown out. You come back for your final papers in a few days.

My passage from table to table was comparatively easy. I had no dog, and, as regards my taxes, I actually had a document proving that there were some owing to me —I had overpaid twenty-two marks and the paper said that the sum would be deducted from my tax the following year. I own no houses, hold no stock, and do not intend to take any jewelry worth even two hundred marks. I take no furniture with me, either; my rent, gas, light and telephone bills have all been paid—I have the receipts with me.

But my appearance at the Foreign Exchange desk was another matter. The desk dealt not only with the funds which the emigrant wanted to take out of the country with him, but also with any articles which could be turned into money abroad. One therefore had to present a complete list of all the articles that were being taken out of the country. Valuables are in reality nothing but a transformation of dollars, of which the German government is in dire need. For the permission to let the valuables leave the country, it demands a part of their value in dollars. Since I intended to take my books with me I had to appear before the Foreign Exchange desk.

There were two men sitting at the Foreign Exchange desk. One of them, whom everyone addressed as "Major," had the longer line before him, for he always had something to talk to you about, and was anxious to hear what you had to say. You were helping him to introduce clarity into his world outlook, something vitally necessary for him, for he was something of a philosopher. He spoke to you kindly and looked at you with a pair of inquisitive eyes. As I was waiting in line he got up suddenly and brought a chair to one of the women. His experienced eyes saw that she was near collapse from exhaustion.

I had heard a lot about the Major. A friend of mine once had a characteristic conversation with him. My friend is a bookkeeper, and when asked in the questionnaire, "Do you have any other financial claims inside Germany?" he answered, "The firm N. & N. owes me the sum of 5,000 shillings, but it isn't worth a penny." The Major asked why he said the money was not worth anything. My friend replied that the firm had gone bankrupt before the Anschluss on such and such a day, showing him clippings of the court ruling on the case.

"See?" asked the major. "Such a thing could never have happened in National Socialist Germany, that a man should do a piece of work and not get paid for it."

My friend was stubborn. "Major, may I be frank?" he asked.

"Do, please."

"Why should this be impossible in National Socialist Germany when the following bankruptcies have taken place within the past week?" and he pointed to the latest issue of a financial magazine.

"All the Jews are enemies of the National Socialist regime," was the reply this drew from the Major.

"May I speak frankly once again?" asked my friend.

"Of course."

"Let's make this exchange. I will take your place at the desk, and you take my place in line. What will be your feelings about the National Socialist state then?"

"The same as yours."

Truly a philosopher's answer.

I remember Vienna before the First World War. We, young people, had already passed the first stages of our Zionist education. We were preparing to play a more prominent role in the Zionist youth movement in our country. Then the report reached us: the next Zionist Congress was to be held in Vienna!

Among the literary production which the Congress brought to us we found not only the daily Congress Journal, but also a piquant contribution from our enemy. The anti-Semitic humor magazine Kikeriki honored the Zionist Congress with a special issue devoted entirely to Zionism. I still remember some of it by heart. On the very first page there was a declaration in favor of the Zionists, for their Congress gave rise to some hope that the Jews would one day take the propaganda to heart and remove themselves from Vienna. But, the humorist asked, when the Jewish mob left, what would happen to Rothschild? "Do not go without him!" he implored.

The deeper irony of this is apparent to us only today. We cannot leave without him for we lived in his shadow. He was the historical effigy, the personification of what is supposed to be the real function of the Jew—the power of money. We could not go without him, even after he had left the country. There is nothing that Hitler needs more than this false personification of the Jews. Rothschild goes along with us, and retains his customary place in Nazi propaganda.

As I shut my eyes I see before me once again the Hertzerstrasse in Vienna three days before Schuschnigg's capitulation to the Nazis, a detachment of the still illegal S.S. marching and shouting wildly:

Schuschnigg unser Fuehrer
Wir werden immer duerer
Die Juden immer fetter
Heil Hitler unser Retter!

(With Schuschnigg as our leader we become ever thinner, and the Jews become fatter, Hail Hitler, our savior!)

As I pass in my mind's eye over the eight months which elapsed between that evening on the Hertzerstrasse and the day I met the same S.S. in Rothschild's palace, I recall a little incident.

Those were the troops which bore the name of Otto Planetta, the glorified assassin of Dollfuss. The "blackjackets" were to be seen all over the palace which they were to guard for Hitler, and they conversed among themselves. Thoughts cannot always be concealed behind a uniform, and the face often reveals an inner struggle. The word I overheard in a conversation between two "blackjackets," was—I am sure you would never guess it—it was "humanity." Yes, that was the word—"humanity," this is what one of them said to the other who listened very attentively. I could then see that Hitler will never be able to win over the German soul completely. Not if his own blackjackets could speak of humanity and of Man in the midst of the tragi-comedy of Jewish expulsion directed from the Rothschild palace.

What good is the marvelous organization for the expulsion of the Jews, what good is poking fun at the [illegible] in a play of historic ironies, when in reality the German soul still craves for something else—for "humanity"? Hitler is bound to fail, for he cannot conquer the German soul—such is the comforting conclusion I took with me on my way out of the palace of the Viennese Rothschilds.

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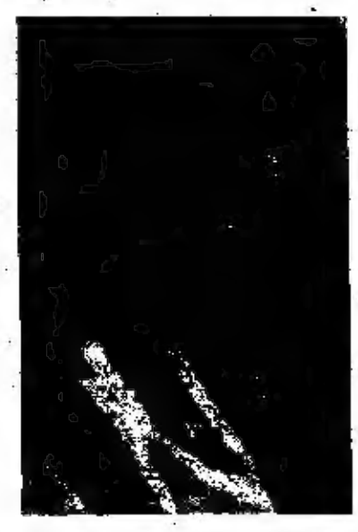

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—Modern Studio

What I Want My Child To Learn

By Henry A. Cohen, Member of Temple Beth Emeth, Albany, N.Y.

In discussing what I want my child to learn in religious School, I find it necessary to draw an imaginary line between two phases of religious education for my children. It occurs to me that a satisfactory treatment of the topic requires first a definite program of the duty of each parent to teach religion to the child in the home, and secondly, a suggested outline of instruction in the Religious School.

I have heard people say that the Religious School should supplement the instruction given by the parent in the home. In my opinion those people are idealists. Others who are realists, say that the training in the home should supplement the courses in the Religious School. There is at least one good reason why a large number of us belong in the realist group, and that reason is illustrated in a humorous article in the November, 1941 issue of The Synagogue ("Should a Grown Up Learn Too?").

The article tells the story of the newly installed rabbi who urged the organization of classes for adult education so that the grown-ups could learn more about Judaism. One of the leaders of the congregation protested that he was content with his knowledge of Judaism. "However," he said, "they tried to teach me the Bible stories, but I stopped at the Red Sea, and to this day I don't know what happened to Moses afterwards." In defense of the many who belong to this group of parents, let it be said that most of us did not have the opportunity or the advantages of training and instruction in a Religious School. We have tried, however, to correct the deficiency by personal reading and through the teachings of our rabbis and elders. Some of us, nevertheless, failed to continue the adventure at the Red Sea. Therefore you will understand why I feel so strongly about the importance of the Religious School and how my thoughts are influenced by the confusing and challenging times of this generation.

I think that my child should be given a thorough explanation of the Ten Commandments. These admonitions created a system of ethics and moral laws which are essential for an understanding of our creed. I am of the belief that the obstacles that will confront my children, as they also confront all of us, will be overcome with less difficulty if the prevention of selfishness and the value of honesty and tolerance is taught them in our Religious Schools.

I venture to say that everyone in this audience has discussed with friends, the condition of Judaism today and the prospects for our religion in the future. As far as my children are concerned, I think it is not of great importance that I should worry about the status of Judaism today. The chaos and the threat of extinction in enslaved Europe has tempered and strengthened the bonds of our faith. Today only the weak among us are defeatists. The strong have been revitalized as if they had received a rich transfusion of a determination to live. But, I will worry very much about Judaism of tomorrow if the Religious School does not teach of the glory of our people in the day when Judaism first appeared on the horizon of history.

I want my children to learn about the greatest leader portrayed in all Biblical history — Moses, the "maker of the nation and the organizer of the Hebrew religion." Maybe too many of us stopped reading about Moses when Pharaoh's daughter rescued him in the rushes of the Nile. I want my children to study his life so that they will know that as a young man he sacrificed luxury, protection and privileges of royalty because his soul was tormented by the suffering of his people in bondage. The Religious School should portray the life of David, the judge and the military genius; of Solomon, the man of wisdom and builder of the Temple; and of Elijah for whom a cup of wine is placed on the Passover table.

I want my children to be taught that the Jews are the people of the Book. They should be instructed that the Torah was written by Israel as the foundation of Jewish civil and religious life and that the Bible was created out of the lives of Hebrews. The teacher should impress upon the minds of my children that for at least twenty-five centuries our evolution of social justice has been the code of civilized society. When my children understand these matters, they will better understand the principles of democracy.

When my children attain the age of fourteen or fifteen, I believe quite strongly that they should begin to learn about messianic doctrines. There should be a removal of the veils of mystery and secrecy that some of our forebears draped about the history of Jesus of Nazareth. With this knowledge of Christianity, I think my children will find no displeasure in the celebration of the Christmas holiday which is represented to be so full of joy and also of hope for a brotherhood of man. With this knowledge of Christianity my children will not be awestricken by the observance of Easter, when so many misguided clergymen of the Christian church emphasize as the highlight of the occasion the betrayal of Jesus by one of his own followers and his subsequent crucifixion as emblems of Jewish trickery. This knowledge will provide the necessary moral courage, and it will be as a beam of sunlight through a stygian darkness that is often known as ignorance.

What do I want my children to learn at Religious School? Well, one of the reasons for my membership in organized religion is to help provide and also to get a planned and orderly program of religious education and through it inspiration. As I turn my thought to a summary of this topic I am reminded of the world of Moses who proclaimed to his people in the wilderness: "Behold, I have set before thee this life and good, death and evil. Choose the way of life." That is what I want my children to learn at Religious School.

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I wholly disapprove of what you say and will defend to the death your right to say it. — Voltaire to Helvetius

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Commentaries

By Dr. Harry J. Stern, Rabbi

Brotherhood Week

The National Conference of Jews and Christians has proclaimed February 19th-28th as Brotherhood Week. This year's slogan for Brotherhood Week is, "Victory for Brotherhood." What an appropriate and timely slogan! The President of the United States recognizes the importance of Annual Brotherhood Week when in his endorsation he writes: "The perpetuation of Democracy depends upon the practice of the Brotherhood of Man . . . We are fighting for the right of men to live together as members of one family rather than as masters and slaves. We are fighting that the spirit of brotherhood which we prize in this country may be practiced here and by free men everywhere. It is our promise to extend such brotherhood earthwide which gives hope to all the world."

Surely, in an hour of global war and global brotherlessness the appeal for brotherhood is stronger than ever. For what good will it be to have military victory and what good if the enemy be merely cruahed — unless brotherhood be established within nations and among nations? The dream and hope of true democracy which is rooted in religion is that of liberty and justice for all. The Conference of Jews and Christians is doing a splendid job in dramatizing fellowship among people of all creeds and nationalities on the North American Continent.

Brotherhood Week should arouse us who are adherents of church and synagogue especially to combat prejudice and to remove friction from our population. Leaders of church and synagogue must boldly declare that if men and women are followers of The One Universal Father, they in truth can not but love fellow man. For the fundamental doctrine of Judaism and Christianity next to The Fatherhood of God is that of The Brotherhood of Man.

Alas, how tragic that the very people who claim synagogue and church affiliation are ever so often in their daily practice false to that which is fundamental to religion. They who often hold the front pews in synagogue and Church are so inconsistent toward the instruction of God's house which commands men to be ethical, to deal justly and to be brotherly.

There is no hope for humanity unless men learn above all to walk in brotherhood. All our knowledge of science, art and history become meaningless if we do not know the greatest of all wisdom, that of human fellowship. How important it is therefore now to lay the foundations of religious justice and righteousness in our economic life, in our political life and in our international life so that the fruitage may be the beauty of brethren dwelling together in unity.

Let Us Rescue Them!

We have had comforting declarations from Allied Statesmen that when victory comes the Nazi criminals will be held in account for crimes committed against helpless Jews and other minorities. May that day come speedily, the day of victory. Then we shall deal with the problem of retribution.

But right now what is required is action to rescue those of our brethren imprisoned within Nazi-held Europe. We must save Jews now! It may be too late to do so when the Nazis are finally crushed. We must call upon the Allied Nations to negotiate with the Nazis through neutral countries that Jews be released and that havens be found for those thus saved. For, realistically speaking, the Jews under Nazi control face daily extermination. Millions have already been done to death. How long can we face such a tragedy with silence and indifference?

What a grand opportunity for brave Switzerland or The Vatican to be called upon by the United Nations so that either one of these or the two may negotiate for the release of our tortured people. Hitler may even find it profitable to release Jews rather than to kill them off. Roumania, we are informed by authenticated sources, is ready to sell Jews rather than to exterminate them. Roumania, we know, must have made the offer to release seventy thousand Jews at $200 per head with the approval of Hitler. So perhaps there is good reason to try to suggest release of all Jews now from the Hitler torture chambers, and that in good resolve and faith the United Nations negotiate for such a deliverance. If this is done the United Nations will have written a most glorious chapter of human compassion.

But Jews themselves in free lands must now bestir themselves. It is terrible to think that we Jews of Canada seem to be going along with "business as usual" in the face of such tragedy. How can we be so indifferent? How dare we for a single day or hour forget the Jewish victims and the Jewish marytrs of present-day Europe. What are we doing, just giving charity? The rescuing of European Jewry is not a matter of mere giving of charity. It has to do with international politics and statesmanship. Where are there leaders of courageous heart to arouse the conscience of the Canadian Government in the cause of immediate work of rescuing fellow-human beings from the European inferno?

How infamous — there are some even among Jews who have doubted the mass murder of fellow-Jews by the Nazi murderers! How can this be in the face of authenticated documentary evidence produced but recently by governmental authorities?

We have national organizations in Canada, why are these not engaged to awaken Jews and Christians from a sense of indifference and seeming helplessness? Let us at least cry out and declare before the heavens and earth the injustices perpetrated upon innocent and helpless men and women. Let us weep; perhaps through our wails and tears the seemingly numb soul of civilized mankind will become aroused; the conscience will be awakened now and the work of rescue will commence.

every friday

"Sometimes when people censure me,
I tell them without rancor
That for what it cost me to be free,
I might have had an anchor."

The March issue of the Anti-Nazi Bulletin, official publication of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, reports that Gerald L. K. Smith, Detroit labor-baiting demagogue, is backing a movement to develop in the United States a pro-Fascist political party based upon remnants of the America First Committee, and that in a speech in Chicago he announced the new party would nominate Charles A. Lindbergh for the presidency in 1944. Smith was recently defeated for the Republican senatorial nomination in Michigan, and publishes The Cross And The Flag, an anti-Semitic, anti-Administration, anti-British, anti-Communist, and anti-labor propaganda paper which was named in the sedition indictments obtained by the United States Government last July.

It will be recalled that the America First Committee was an outstanding spokesman in 1941 for the anti-aid-to-Britain forces, and it was a Committee meeting in Des Moines that left no doubt about isolationists making use of anti-Semitic propaganda to keep the United States on the sidelines. At that time Lindbergh charged that "the three most important groups which have been pressing this country toward war are the British, the Jewish, and the Roosevelt Administration . . . first to prepare the United States for foreign war under the guise of American defense; second, to involve us in the war, step by step, without our realization; third, to create a series of incidents which would force us into actual conflict. . . . Instead of agitating for war, the Jewish groups in this country should be opposing it in every way, for they will be among the first to feel its consequences. . . . If any of these groups stops agitating for war, I believe there will be little danger of our involvement."

Investigations of the Public Relations Committee of the American Jewish Committee, as reported in the new American Jewish Year Book, indicated that the enemies of America are not going to let up in their anti-Semitic campaign. At most they were said to be biding their time, waiting for the first opportunity, tomorrow, next week, or next month to renew their active agitation. Nazi propaganda will continue to bombard the American people as before the war, not only by short-wave to listening groups in the country who will spread it by whispering campaigns, but through the press, speeches, and the like, from Berlin and the conquered capitals of Europe. This anti-Semitic propaganda, although emanating from Nazi sources, is being used by native bigots such as Gerald L. K. Smith and others.

The Anti-Nazi Bulletin described the softening up process in 1943 for the Axis, to be carried on by native isolationist politicians, editorial writers, industrialists, and publicists, many wealthy and high placed, who are working for Fascism in their country and a negotiated peace with Germany. The Nazis are counting on them to fight their battle for them, for the secret weapon of the Nazis is the use of these native Fascists within the nations they attack. Right now the line they have taken from Berlin is to stress the danger from Japan as the only real one. In support of this line coming by short-wave will be the editorial pages of Fascist papers, then certain appeaser papers, and then a speech in Congress. Familiar arguments will re-appear: "The British, the Jews and the Administration got the country into war. If Hitler is defeated, it will mean Communism for Europe."

The Public Relations Committee seems to be in agreement with The Anti-Nazi Bulletin that the forces which have played the Nazi and Axis game in the past have not changed overnight and are still carrying on their pernicious activities, with greater subtlety and circumspection and therefore with greater danger to the security of American Jews. Despite the overwhelming evidence of the tie between anti-Semitism and the Nazi propaganda machine, the forces fomenting division and undermining national morale, which employ anti-Semitism as a means to attain these ends, have not abandoned their seditious activities.

The Committee and the Anti-Nazi Bulletin know what it is all about since they are in the thick of the investigative work which ferrets out and reports to the proper authorities the subversive activities of anti-Semitic groups and individuals; and which seeks to expose anti-Semitism for what it is, a Nazi propaganda weapon to destroy American unity and thus to weaken national defense. It is their belief as expressed by the Public Relations Committee that the combatting of anti-Semitism is therefore not a strictly Jewish concern but a matter of defense against enemy agitators and disruptive forces in general, against the Nazi trick of weakening the country in the face of danger by confusing issues, by getting Americans to fight each other instead of the common enemy, and by hamstringing national action through setting group against group, and religion against religion.

Such things as the above often disturb and bewilder people who cannot credit them at a time when the United Nations are fighting a fight for democracy and freedom. It is better for them to be disturbed now than to be wholly unprepared for some of the things that might happen. Anti-Semitic feeling may increase, military reverses may call for a public scapegoat, under tension of war latent animosities may develop into antagonisms, new anti-Semitic charges may be invented, even peace may bring a time of dislocation which will be productive of anti-Semitic demonstrations. And all of this will have gained seriousness from the long period of world-wide anti-Semitic agitation which was initiated by Hitler who has done his work so well.

Anti-Jewish activity has not abated. It has become subtler and more cautious, and may become more open and more virulent as the war progresses. On the other hand, the Jews have a right to feel that their proper agencies are doing all that could be done by any such bodies to minimize the danger and to maintain the maximum of public good-will in the situation. *f.f.c.*

Rumania's Offer Must Be Accepted At Once

The New Republic says:

Rumania has become the unwilling repository of many thousands of the Jews of Western Europe whom the Nazis have been packing into cattle cars and shipping eastward ever since last summer: her eastern province of Transdniestria is today a new Lublin area, larger and more desolate than the earlier Nazi Jew-corral in Poland.

Rumania's motives in offering to move the Jews from Transdniestria are less noble than they may seem at first sight. Undoubtedly she realizes that the United Nations are going to win the war, and does not want to share any more of the Nazis' guilt for the fate of the Jews of Europe than she can help.

But no consideration of the nature of Rumania's motives should delay for an instant the reply of the United Nations. That reply must be immediate and affirmative. Already excuses for delay are being offered: shortage of shipping, danger of spies. But Rumania agrees to provide the shipping, and the very real danger that Germany will attempt to take advantage of the transfer by introducing spies and saboteurs among the genuine victims of her terror can be met by interning all alike in decent detention centers until each case can be examined individually. Palestine seems the logical choice for a place of refuge, but other areas are available in the Middle East and in Russia.

The shocking fact about Rumania's offer is that although it was made well over a month ago, no reply has yet been given to it. The very news of the offer was held up for five full weeks — weeks during which the Nazis have continued to butcher their victims at the rate of many thousands a day.

If the horror which civilized peoples so freely express at the Nazis' barbaric treatment of the Jews is to prove more than a spate of those easy tears which legend attributes to the crocodile, Rumania's offer must be accepted at once. If the United Nations fail to answer promptly and unequivocally now, they will make themselves, morally, partners in Hitler's unspeakable crimes.

Is This The New Poland?

The American Jewish Congress Bulletin says:

The Jewish press gave wide publication to a story based on a report from the Mexican Federation of Polish Jews, which in spite of the documentary evidence supporting it seems incredible.

During the recent visit of General Sikorski to Mexico, a Jewish delegation came to greet him in the name of Polish Jews. The General received the delegation and gave the customary assurance of equality for Jews in a future democratic Poland, but at the same time he is reported to have admonished them against "unclean practices" which some of them were allegedly conducting in Mexico.

The delegation denied the rumors and turned the conversation to the subject of the 10,000 visas for Polish [illegible] issued by the Mexican government, asking the Premier whether Jews from Poland would also benefit by these visas. To this the Premier is supposed to have given no reply but made a caustic remark about "Jewish diamond dealers." The report from Mexico ends with the words: "This was the end of the conversation; and we left feeling as though we had been in a house of the dead."

Following the visit of the Jewish delegation Dr. Joseph Rettinger, the General's secretary, gave an interview to the Mexican newspaper Excelsior. Asked by the interviewer about the Jewish problem, Dr. Rettinger made no direct reply but said—and this is quoted verbatim from the paper where it was published:

> There came a commission of Jews who reside in Mexico and the General told them that he had information concerning the improper conduct of some of them. This must not be. They are guests of the country which had received them with open arms. This General Sikorski categorically told the Jewish delegation.

Dr. Rettinger's interview hardly augers well for the beginning of a new era in Polish-Jewish relationship. It is hard to imagine that even a Pole of the Endek school coming to a foreign country in a diplomatic capacity would give vent to his venomous anti-Semitic prejudices, and by assailing a young Jewish community jeopardize its position and serve the interests of the local Hitlerite agents. An explanation by the Polish government of this amazing incident is due not only to the Jewish community of Mexico but also to the Mexican press.

PALESTINE HELD ON VERGE OF INFLATION

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were the principal source of revenue for Palestine industries.

Sir Douglas warned that the military authorities would cancel orders locally and bring supplies from places where they could be purchased more cheaply if efforts were made in Palestine to force higher wages.

The government believes the economic position of Palestine is reaching a dangerous state of inflation with the currency in circulation at least twice that before the war. Higher allowances would accentuate the inflationary process, it is argued. Arab and Jewish workers and manufacturers in memoranda and public statements declare basic wages and war-time bonuses must be frozen. They say the government failed adequately to control commodity prices, dooming workers to lower nutritional and living standards if they are forced to subsist upon their present pay.

The Senior Civil Servants Association, including British officials, has asked for an inquiry by a London commission, but only into its own claims for higher war-time bonuses. It is believed such a commission would investigate the general problem.

This is one case in which the Arab and Jewish workers and white collar employees agree. There is no question of any differential between the standards of the European and Oriental ways of life. Prices in Arab markets are higher than in Jewish markets. Both populations have been hard hit by the almost complete denial of access to indispensable items of food.

FRENCH CLERGY OPPOSE ANTI-SEMITIC DECREES

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the transportation of the refugees heart-rending scenes were enacted.

The deportations were protested by the National Council of the Reformed Church as a challenge to fundamental Christianity. Associating itself with the protest made by its president, the council issued a message to Protestants throughout the country, which was read from pulpits on Sunday, Oct 4.

Twelve Jewish Red Army officers have been promoted to the rank of generals during the recent campaign. They are Semuel Tarkubevitch, Iwasi Rudkin, Semmel Shapiro, Aaron Katz, Abraham Potschowsky, David Katin, Mihail Garevitch, Meyer Slavin, Lipe Chodorkow, Maxim Retter and Peter Stetik.